

Monday

In 1957 a girl named Joyce went on a blind date in New York City. That date was to change her life, for the man she met was Jack Kerouac, hero and prophet of the Beat Generation, whose language, philosophy and morals were exposed to the world that same year with the publication of Kerouac's classic *On the Road*. Spectrum on Monday presents the first of two extracts from the touching, funny and nostalgic book Joyce Johnson has written about her life with Kerouac.

The Times Profile is of Lord Hartwell, proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, the press baron who sees himself as the voice of the silent majority.

## Scargill call for war on closures

Mr Arthur Scargill, President of the National Union of Mineworkers, gave a warning that attempts by the National Coal Board to close uneconomic pits would be met by a war of attrition in which selective strikes would be used rather than an all-out national stoppage.

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## Prior stands by Heseltine

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, said that there would be no apology to Dublin over the remarks made on Wednesday by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, about Irish neutrality.

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## Officers killed

Two police officers who had parked their vehicle on the hard shoulder of the M53 at Wirral, Merseyside, were killed in an accident involving a passing car. They had been investigating the site of a previous accident.

A hundred policemen were injured and 113 people were detained during the riots in Paris on Thursday following protest rallies by students and farmers earlier in the day. Page 6

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Local elections reveal danger of delay

## Thatcher will be told it must be June 9 poll

● Mrs Thatcher will be told at Chequers tomorrow that she must go for June 9, and she must not delay.

● Labour jubilation at winning Liverpool was tempered by the loss of Cardiff and Bristol and the near loss

of Nottingham.

● Mr James Mortimer, Labour's general secretary, says Labour would enter a June election pessimistically.

Union leaders say the party is not ready.

● A big fall in the number of jobless is likely next month after changes in the way the total is calculated.

● Sir Trevor Holdsworth, of GKN, said the recovery should not be seen as another false alarm (Page 11).

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister will be told at Chequers tomorrow that she appears to have an excellent chance of remaining in office if she decides to have a general election on June 9.

But she will also be told that a delay of even one week would be unwise. An analysis of Thursday's voting in the English and Welsh district elections confirms the evidence of the opinion polls over the past two months of a trend in favour of the Labour Party, with the Government's still handsome lead being gradually reduced.

Some ministers who are to attend the Chequers consultations and who until recently favoured an autumn election appear to have changed their views in the last 48 hours.

Mr William Whitelaw is now said to be strongly in favour of June and Mr John Blunt, hitherto a firm October, was reported last night to have said with resignation that it was no longer a question of which month but of which Thursday.

Unhappy memories of 1974 were recalled yesterday by Conservatives, who blame Mr Edward Heath for having lost on February 28 an election which they say he could have won two weeks earlier.

Many voices were last night muttering in unison that, if Mrs Margaret Thatcher decided to go, she must go at once and with the briefest possible campaign: an announcement on Tuesday, the proclamation on Friday and polling on June 9.

But several people very close to Mrs Thatcher last night still did not know her mind and few would assert with confidence

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### Budget change 'loses' 26,000 unemployed

By Peter Wilson-Smith

A big fall in the number of people out of work is likely to be announced by the Government early next month because the jobless change is in the way the jobless total is calculated.

Unemployment figures for April released yesterday by the Department of Employment show a 2,511 fall to 3,169,879 in the number of people out of work - because of the change announced in the last Budget which has taken 26,400 men aged over 60 off the register.

The impact on the May figures, due out on June 3, is likely to be much greater. Combined with a normal seasonal fall in people out of work, this could reduce the unadjusted total by about 100,000. It is also expected to cut the seasonally adjusted total of unemployed, excluding school leavers, to below three million. Last month, this

was 2.9 million. The latest drop can only heighten speculation over a June election. The Government, however, was careful not to make political capital out of the fall, pointing instead to the slow-down in the rate of job losses and the increase in the number of vacancies.

Mr Norman Tebbit, Secretary of State for Employment, said:

"Although the April unemployment figures show no dramatic changes, the trend of unemployment is rising less steeply

Mrs Thatcher in her Finchley, north London, constituency yesterday: "Just keep calm".

### Labour puts brave face on defeats

By David Walker, Local Government Correspondent

Labour leaders were putting a brave face yesterday on a pattern of local election results which showed them doing little more than holding their own. The loss of the major cities of Chelmsford and Bristol and the near loss of Nottingham put a dampener on Labour gloom at taking Liverpool.

Sir Jack Smart, leader of the Labour-controlled Association of Metropolitan Authorities, said the Labour Party's showing in the conurbations outside London (where no elections were held) endorsed Labour policies - a judgment based on the support given to several high-spending authorities, including Newcastle upon Tyne and Manchester. The "socialist republic of South Yorkshire" lived up to its name, with Labour adding a seat to its impregnable position in Sheffield and scoring in Barnsley, Doncaster and Rotherham.

But the rifts in the Labour camp showed through last night. In Bristol, there was a tussle between moderates and an ardent left-wing group, although Mr Claude Draper, the moderate Labour leader, looks likely to survive. He told *The Times* that the Conservatives would control his city for twelve months at most. In Manchester, the Labour Left increased its strength to 33 members, against the moderates' 39.

Conservative Central Office was naturally pleased at the Tory success in maintaining control over Birmingham and in a little-noticed result, picking up seats in Leeds. An important result for the party's psephologists was Reading, where the Conservatives gained a majority.

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Labour faced a formidable task of winning the election. "But we believe we can do it. We believe the results from yesterday's elections show that the trend is moving in our direction".

Mr Foot identified the main themes as being unemployment, the protection of the social services and education, help for people on council estates, the Government's record on manufacturing and stopping the nuclear arms race.

Mr Basnett promoted the slogan for the election campaign of *Caring Makes Economic Sense*. This has not yet been agreed by the party although Mr Moritzier gave it his personal support.

Mr Basnett said at a press conference the party's target of a £2m election fighting fund would be met by the unions, although he declined to give details. The party has raised about £650,000.

### Labour summit against an early poll

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Labour and trade union leaders admitted last night that the party is not yet in a state to win a general election.

Gathering in what Mr James Mortimer, the party's general secretary, described as a "mood of realism," the summit conference of the Shadow Cabinet, national executive and the Trade Unions for a Labour Victory (TULV) agreed that although the party's prospects were improving, it had a long way to go.

The first session of the two-day conference at Woodstock College, Surrey, appeared to have been a frank discussion of Labour's position.

Mr Mortimer said later that if Mrs Margaret Thatcher called an election next month Labour would not enter it pessimistically. "There

was a recognition that we have a good way to go before we can be a majority in a general election."

He added: "The feeling which emerged all round was that we have the policies, we have a united leadership, and the whole movement is rallying round, and we are in better shape than we have been for some time."

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## Judge rules wife of IRA man 'safe'

A judge ruled yesterday that the Chief Constable of the RUC did not have to produce the wife of an alleged Provisional IRA informer in answer to a writ of habeas corpus (Richard Ford writes).

Mr Justice Hurton said in Belfast that the writ, issued last week, did not apply because Mrs Linda Quigley, the wife of Mr Robert Quigley, who is expected to be a Crown witness in a forthcoming trial, was in police protection.

Sir John Hermon, the chief constable, earlier had said in a written reply to the court that Mrs Quigley was residing of her own choice with her husband and two children under police protection.

However, Mr Richard Ferguson, QC, acting for Mr Quigley's sister, said that by not producing the woman in court the chief constable was "cooking a snook" at the court and was in contempt.

The judge said that police protection was not unlawful detention and that Sir John's reply to the writ was valid but the chief constable's reply will examined at full hearing on Thursday.

## Strike at plant stops royal visit

Princess Anne has cancelled plans to tour the Lucas Aerospace factory in Birmingham on Monday because of a six-week strike by 90 assembly workers at the plant and the possibility that strikers might try to disrupt the occasion.

A Buckingham Palace spokesman said yesterday that the Princess would spend the day in Birmingham and the rest of her tour would go ahead as planned.

## News group cuts staff

Eight of the 22 journalists employed by Thomson Regional Newspapers at its London office are to be made redundant, the company announced yesterday. They include the group's chief London editor, sports editor and defence correspondent.

Mr William Heeps, the editorial director of TRN, said that the cause of the decline in regional sales the newspapers will concentrate in collecting information and will depend less on centrally produced material.

## Karate man gets four years

Michael Roberts, aged 22, a karate enthusiast, was jailed for four years at the Central Criminal Court yesterday for killing Ellen Cole, aged 13 months, who had pulled his hair.

Roberts, of Edmonton, north London, rained punches on the girl, the daughter of the woman with whom he was living last year, the jury heard.

He was cleared of murder, but convicted of manslaughter.

## Scots glue bill passed

A Bill which will enable children caught sniffing glue in Scotland to be referred to reporters of the children's courts passed its remaining stages in the Commons yesterday. Parliamentary report, page 5

## 50th heart man

The fifth heart transplant patient operated on at Papworth Hospital, Cambridgeshire, was yesterday named as Mr Colin Ward, aged 40, a former postman of Branshaw Grove, Keighley, West Yorkshire. His wife said: "Everything is going along well."

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## Scargill calls for war of attrition over pit closures

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill, president of the National Union of Mineworkers, served notice last night that attempts by the National Coal Board and its chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor, to close uneconomic pits would be met with a "war of attrition".

He confirmed a move towards a new union tactic, revealed in *The Times* on Monday, of planning selective strikes at "big hitter" pits rather than the present policy of all-out national stoppages.

Mr Scargill told the Lancashire miners' conference in Blackpool the day after Mr Norman Siddle, the board chairman, had forecast further pit closures, that the selective action could be based on the country's most profitable pits.

Calling for opposition to a pit closures programme, the president said: "There are two things we can do. We can have all-out strike action against that policy or we can begin to think logically about the type of policy we can employ. If the coal board intends to close the 30 most uneconomic pits, then we will call the 30 most profitable pits, such as Selby, to go out on strike."

Mr Scargill said the rest of the country's miners would stay at work but would be levied to raise a fund for payment of normal take-home pay to these miners on strike.

Mr Siddle told the Lancashire miners' conference on Thursday that the industry has to abandon "hopeless pits" because too much coal was being produced too expensively. It is likely that the drive against uneconomic mines could lead to the closure of 15 pits with the loss of 15,000 jobs in 1983-84.

Mr Scargill criticized Mr Siddle's claim that 23,000 miners had left the industry since 1975 and said that the workforce had been reduced by 45,000 over the past eight years.

"I am delighted to tell this conference that I have received a letter from Michael Foot giving an undertaking that if the Labour Party are elected they will stop the policy of pit closures," Mr Scargill said.

A board spokesman said later that the 30 most profitable pits employed about 45,000 men, for whom the weekly wages bill was about £9m. If that number of men were called out on strike the levy on each miner still at work would be about £50 a week, the board said.

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Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party, in his room at the Commons yesterday. (Photograph: Peter Trippen).

## Liverpool doubts as left win

By Ronald Faux

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Liverpool in 1974 with a narrow majority and held power for three years. Labour then won a minority lead until 1978 when, although they held a majority, the party refused to accept control because it was unable to win a majority on all the committees.

For five months in 1979 no party would accept power in Liverpool. Towards the end of the year Labour took control. In 1980 Liberals took control and held it till yesterday. The last time the Conservatives held overall control of Liverpool was in 1971.

The Labour Party in the city divides into militant, left-wing, tribunals and moderate camps, with the moderates hugely outvoted. In that balance with about ten Militant Tendency supporters and a majority of Trotskyist sympathizers, Mr Hamilton's leadership comes under a question mark.

The new administration will have 51 Labour councillors, 30 Liberals and 18 Conservatives. Labour is pledged to cutting council rents by £2 a week, a council house "for rent" scheme, and large-scale job creation projects.

## Tory MP wins case on selection

Sir Anthony Meyer, Conservative MP for Flint, West yesterday won a High Court battle against his local Conservative association over the right to be selected as a candidate in the next election.

Mr Justice Caulfield, sitting in London, held that the new Clwyd North-West Conservative Association had broken its rules when it recommended that only one name that of Miss Beata Brookes, Euro-MP for north Wales, should go forward to the association's annual general meeting on Monday.

Sir Anthony's name should be added to the recommendation, the judge ruled.

Outside the court Sir Anthony said it was a "very satisfactory" outcome.

Under recent boundary changes part of Sir Anthony's constituency, which he has represented for 13 years, is being swallowed up by the new one of Clwyd, North-west.

The significance of the main finding that exercise stimulates the production of endogenous pyrogen is at this stage unclear. The authors of the research point out that it provides a natural explanation for why the body temperature of people who have taken exercise may remain unnaturally high for several hours afterwards. It may also explain why people who exercise regularly are relatively immune from bacterial infection.

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The first ballot none of the three had an overall majority. The council then held a second ballot between the top two, Miss Brookes and Sir Anthony. Miss Brookes won, and she alone was recommended for adoption as Clwyd North-west's prospective parliamentary Conservative candidate.

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## Britain plays down Heseltine's 'hiccup'

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The British Government will make no apology to the Republic of Ireland over remarks made by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, about Irish neutrality during a 24-hour visit to Ulster this week.

Mr James Prior, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, denied today that Mr Heseltine's remarks had been a gaffe or had caused any problems in his efforts to ease tensions in Anglo-Irish relations.

Speaking during a tour of Co Antrim, he made it clear there would be no apology to Dublin and that now would one have been expected.

He thought there would be no lasting effect on relations between London and Dublin. Official sources in the republic were describing Mr Heseltine's comments as a "hiccup". In London, the Foreign Office attempted to play down their significance.

Mr Prior said people were trying to make a great deal out of the Secretary of State's remarks, but one of the good things about relations between the two countries was that they would not cause lasting damage. He said he had been able to reach a very good understand-

## BMA civil defence retreat

By Nicholas Timmins

Leaders of Britain's community physicians, who play a key part in the health services' planning for a nuclear war, yesterday backed away from a direct confrontation with the Government over civil defence.

Yesterday Mr Charles Haughey continued to attack Mr Heseltine's comments, saying that it was not so much what he had said but where he had said it. It was an unwarranted impertinence for a British minister to come to any part of the island and attack Irish policy, he said.

Mr Heseltine's statements were an attack on the republic's policy of neutrality, it was unwarranted for any "allegedly friendly" government to attack another government in that way.

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# How votes were cast in local government elections

Results of the local government elections in England and Wales, held yesterday. Abbreviations used in the results include: C (Conservative); Lab (Labour); L (Liberal); SDP (Social Democratic Party); Ind (Independent); PC (Plaid Cymru); R (Ratepayers); and Comm (Communist).

## Metropolitan districts

**BARNESLEY** (Lab): Lab 20, C 1, R 1. Lab gain 3 from SDP and 2 from R. C gain 1 from L. New council: Lab 58, C 3, L 2, others 3. No change.

**BIRMINGHAM** (C): C 19, Lab 20, Lab gain 2 from L and 1 from C. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 60, Lab 55, L 2. No change.

**BRADFORD** (None): C 16, Lab 14, C gain 1 from Lab. New council: C 43, Lab 41, L 5, SDP. No change.

**BOLTON** (Lab): Lab 13, C 7. Lab gain 1 from L. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 36, C 22, L 2. No change.

**BURY** (C): C 10, Lab 6, Lab gained 1 from C. New council: C 27, Lab 21. No change.

**COVENTRY** (Lab): Lab 11, C 7, C gain 2 from Lab. New council: Lab 33, C 21. No change.

**CALDERDALE** (None): C 8, Lab 6, L 5, 1 gain 2 from C. C 20, Lab 22, L 1, Others 1. No change.

**DONCASTER** (Lab): Lab 17, C 4, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 31, C 11, L 1. No change.

**DUDLEY** (C): C 11, Lab 13, SDP. C gain 1 from L and 1 from SDP. Lab gain 1 from SDP. New council: C 42, Lab 29, SDP. No change.

**GATESHEAD** (Lab): Lab 21, C 3, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 56, C 1, L 1, Rytonians 2. No change.

**KNOWSLEY** (Lab): Lab 21, C 3, New council: Lab 55, C 9, L 2. No change.

**KIRKLEES** (Lab): Lab 11, C 7, L 6, C gain 2 from L. Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from SDP. L gain 2 from Lab. New council: Lab 37, C 20, L 12, SDP. No change.

**LIVERPOOL** (none): Lab 24, L 9, C 3. Lab gain 9 from L, 1 from SDP, and 1 from C. L gain 2 from C. New council: Lab 51, L 30, C 18. Lab gain control.

**LEEDS** (Lab): Lab 19, C 11, L 3, C gain 1 from L and 1 from Lab. L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 54, C 33, L 11, SDP. No change.

**MANCHESTER** (Lab): Lab 27, C 4, L 2, Lab gain 3 from C. L gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 72, C 22, L 5. No change.

**NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE** (Lab): Lab 18, C 7, L 2, Lab gain 2 from C. L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 44, C 24, L 9, Ind 1. No change.

**NORTH TYNESIDE** (Lab): Lab 12, C 7, L 1, Lab gain 2 from SDP. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 33, C 21, L 3, SDP. Ind 1. No change.

**OLDHAM** (Lab): Lab 14, C 5, L 1, Lab gain 1 from C. New council: Lab 40, C 17, L 3. No change.

**ROtherham** (Lab): Lab 20, C 1, SDP 1, casual vacancy Lab 1, Ind 1, gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 27, C 60, C, SDP. No change.

**ROCHDALE** (none): Lab 8, C 7, L 5, C gain 2 from Lab, and gain 1 from L. L gain 1 from Lab and 1 from Ind. New council: Lab 27, C 17, L 13, SDP. No change.

**SEFTON** (C): C 12, Lab 8, 1, 4, L 2, 2 gain 2 from C. C gain 1 from SDP. New council: C 39, Lab 21, L 7, SDP 1, Ind 1. No change.

**SANDWELL** (Lab): Lab 18, C 4, L 2, L 1, Others 1 from C. New council: Lab 58, C 13, L 5. No change.

**SOLIHULL** (C): C 11, L 4, Ind 2, C gain 1 from Ind. New council: C 34, L 2, SDP. 2, Ind 3. No change.

**SOUTH TYNESIDE** (Lab): Lab 16, C 1, Others 3. Lab gain 1 from C. Others. New council: Lab 46, C 3, Others 9, L 1, SDP 1. No change.

**STOCKPORT** (C): C 8, Lab 6, L 7, Ind 1, L gain 1 from Lab and 4 from C. C gain 1 from L and 1 from Ind. New council: C 30, Lab 18, L 12, Ind 3. C loss overall control.

**SUNDERLAND** (Lab): Lab 19, C 5, L 2, Lab gain 1 from C and 1 from Ind. New council: C 14, Lab 52, L 6, SDP 1, Ind 2. No change.

**TAMESIDE** (Lab): Lab 16, C 3, L 1, L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 44, C 10, L 3. No change.

**TRAFFORD** (C): C 14, Lab 6, L 2, C gain 2 from Lab and 1 from C. C gain 1 from C. New council: C 36, Lab 21, L 6. No change.

**WIGAN** (Lab): Lab 21, L 2, C 1, L gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 59, L 5, C 5. No change.

**WOLVERHAMPTON** (Lab): Lab 12, C 8, Lab 1, C gain 1 from C. C gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 34, C 26. No change.

**WAKEFIELD** (Lab): Lab 18, C 2, L 1, Lab gain 1 from L and 1 from SDP. New council: Lab 51, C 6, L 3, SDP 1, R 1, Ind 1. No change.

## Non-metropolitan districts

**CHORLEY** (None): Lab 8, C 7, SDP 1, Lab gain 2 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. SDP gain 1 from Lab. New council: Lab 22, C 22, SDP 1, Ind 2. No change.

**ARUN** (C): C 52, L 3, Lab 1, Boundary changes. No change.

**ASHFIELD** (Lab): Lab 28, C 1, L 3, SDP 1, Lab gain 2 from C and 2 from R. L gain 3 from R. SDP gain 1 from R. No change.

**CRAWLEY** (Lab): Lab 7, C 9, Boundary changes. New council: lab 10, C 12. No change.

**AMBER VALLEY** (Lab): Lab 5, C 5, L 1, SDP 1, Ind 3, Lab gain 1 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. No change.

**CRAYWELL** (C): C 8, L 3, Ind 1, Lab 4, Lab gain 1 from C. C gain 1 from Ind. C gain 1 from C. New council: C 19, Lab 13, Lab 6, Ind 1. C gain control.

**CAMBRIDGE** (Lab): Lab 7, C 4, Boundary changes. New council: lab 10, C 12. No change.

**CHILTERN** (None): C 16, L 12, Ind 12, Ind 4, Lab 1. Boundary change.

**CLIFFHOPES** (None): C 14, Lab 8, L 5, Ind 11, C gain 2 from C. C gain 2 from Ind. Ind gain 1 from C. No change.

**COLEHILL** (C): C 13, Lab 6, SDP 1, C gain 2 from Ind. New council: C 32, Lab 16, SDP 2, Ind 1, L 1. No change.

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## Reagan's 'Mr Clean' wins unanimous backing of senators

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

Mr William Ruckelshaus, the "Mr Clean" nominated by President Reagan to take over the beleaguered Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), yesterday had his appointment unanimously approved by 14 members of the Senate environment committee. His nomination now goes to the Senate floor, where he is expected to win easy confirmation next week.

Mr Ruckelshaus, who was the agency's first administrator during the early 1970s, was brought in by President Reagan two months ago after the resignation of Mrs Anne Burford, whose two-year term at the EPA had been wracked by controversy.

At the time of her resignation no fewer than six congressional and FBI investigations were under way into charges of mismanagement and "sweetheart" deals at the agency. Seven other senior EPA officials have either resigned or been dismissed during the past three months.

Mr Ruckelshaus, who resigned a \$20,000 (£15,000) a year job with a timber firm to take up the \$70,000 post, said during the committee hearings this week that his main reason for accepting the President's invitation was to repair damage done to the agency over the past two years.

He said he would move aggressively to clean up toxic

waste sites without waiting to determine who would bear the costs. This marks a change from the policy followed under Mrs Burford when the EPA tried to negotiate settlements with polluting companies rather than using its agency's \$1,600m "superfund" to clean up waste dumps.

Senator Robert Stafford said Mr Ruckelshaus's appointment was "the first important step in the effort to restore the confidence of the American people and of Congress in the Environmental Protection Agency."

Opponents of the plants, however, say domestic electricity bills would increase by no more than 1 per cent over 15 years.

More than 30 years ago the Consolidated Edison Company began studying the possibility of generating electricity with atomic energy. It bought the present site and immediately a long chapter of problems and controversy began.

The cost soared. Congress was told of dead fish in the Hudson. One plant was ordered temporarily shut because of defects. Indian Point became an important focus of national antinuclear protests. A second plant was ordered temporarily shut, then a third.

The worst blow came in March, when the Federal Emergency Management Agency concluded after watching a safety drill that the area around Indian Point was not prepared for a nuclear accident. The safety of 288,000 people, it said, "cannot be assured."

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## No decision is a good decision as the President keeps everyone guessing

From Nicholas Ashford, Washington

Nothing illustrates the differences between the British and American political systems more dramatically than the way the two countries choose their leaders.

It is quite likely there will be a general election in Britain within the next two months, yet the election campaign has not even begun - at least not officially.

In the United States the 1984 presidential election is still more than 18 months away, yet six Democratic hopefuls have already declared their candidacy and in practical terms the field is now closed. The Rev Jesse Jackson, the radical black leader, may still decide to throw his hat in the ring, but this would be more a symbolic gesture than a serious attempt for the party's nomination.

What the Democrats are now waiting for is a clear signal from the White House that President Reagan intends to seek a second term. So far, however, although the conventional wisdom in Washington is that he will decide to run, the President has deliberately avoided taking a firm decision.

One reason for his political obfuscation is to keep the Democrats guessing for as long as possible. The candidate they eventually select will to a considerable extent be determined by whether he will be challenging Mr Reagan, Vice-President George Bush, or one of a handful of other Republicans whose political ambitions are being kept in

check by the uncertainty of the President's intentions.

But there are other reasons for the President staying his hand, and he will probably continue to do so at least until Labour Day (September 5). A declaration that he will not run again would definitely weaken his hand in future arms talks with Mr Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader, and in the Middle East negotiations with Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister.

### Thatcher meeting

Mrs Thatcher will have bilateral talks with President Reagan at the White House on May 27, midway through the Western economic summit at Williamsburg. While in Washington she will also receive an award from the Winston Churchill Foundation of the United States, Downing Street said yesterday.

In this context it is interesting to note that when Mr Reagan was trying to persuade King Hussein of Jordan to participate in Middle East peace negotiations, he assured him, according to a lengthy report in the *Wall Street Journal*, "We will be partners for six more years."

An early announcement would also damage Mr Reagan's chances of negotiating compromises with the Democrats on tax, spending and other domestic issues.

## Bad week for gaffes from White House

From Our Own Correspondent, Washington

President Reagan, who has never been one of the most mentally agile of men when appearing on public platforms with a text, has dropped some particularly bad clangers this week.

On Thursday, on his way to San Antonio, Texas, the President inadvertently gave the impression that an agreement at the medium-range missile talks in Geneva might be just around the corner after the new proposal made by Yuri Andropov, the Soviet leader. He told a local radio station that he could "appear" Mr Andropov's proposal if it was genuine and not propaganda.

A few minutes later, he acknowledged that he should not have gone further than a statement he had made the previous day, when he said he would give the Soviet offer serious consideration.

"Maybe I have given people the wrong impression by using the word 'approve,'" he said. He certainly would have done so if that remark had not been quickly retracted. For, although the United States has welcomed part of Mr Andropov's offer, it has strongly rejected his insistence that British and French nuclear weapons be included in any agreement on medium-range missiles.

Mr Reagan also made a gaffe during an interview he gave on Wednesday to six American journalists. He described the Cuban-backed guerrillas who are fighting to overthrow the American-backed government in El Salvador as freedom fighters.

Although he quickly corrected himself, his remark provoked derisive boos of laughter from journalists who were listening to a live broadcast of the interview in the White House press room.

The President tried to extricate himself by explaining, in a rambling and confused fashion, why the anti-Sandinista rebels fighting against the Nicaraguan government should be regarded as true freedom fighters. The answer lies as much with Mr Reagan as it does with the Democratic party itself.

## Court halts publication of Australia's secret files

From Our Correspondent, Melbourne

The Australian Government acted yesterday to stop the weekly newspaper *The National Times* from publishing further extracts from secret files which allegedly came from the Australian Security Intelligence Organisation (ASIO). It sought a High Court interim injunction, which was granted shortly after midnight, stopping further publication.

Australian intelligence agencies face a witch hunt after the publication yesterday of the extracts. Last night, Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, confirmed that some of the published allegations were correct.

The leaking of the documents, which are believed to cover the activities of ASIO, the Joint Intelligence Organisation which has links with British and American intelligence agencies and other intelligence organisations, has been described by one Canberra source as a massive breach of security.

Mr Hawke said in Canberra that the allegations concerned the "greatest issues of Australia's international relationships

and domestic security considerations".

While not conceding that all the allegations were accurate, he admitted that some were. Asked how such a mass of material got into the hands of *The National Times*, The Prime Minister said: "No, we don't know, but clearly, as I am indicating, we are taking steps to try and find out."

The injunction will stop *The National Times* from publishing further extracts.

Mr Hawke acted after consulting Mr Andrew Peacock, the



Sign of success: Mr George Shultz (right) and Mr Philip Habib after Israel's agreement to withdraw its troops.

## Nicaragua seeks UN help

From Zoriana Pyshnayev, New York

A complaint by Nicaragua that it is the victim of invasions from anti-government forces, inspired and sustained by the United States, is to be considered by members of the United Nations Security Council for the second time in as many months.

The reasons behind the timing of Nicaragua's call for a council meeting are two-fold. While international support for efforts to alleviate its plight were overwhelming in March when the council last met on the issue, President Reagan has now inadvertently provided the Sandinist Government with formidable ammunition in its case against the United States.

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On Thursday Costa Rica announced that it would issue an appeal to Organization of American States for the setting up of a peace-keeping force to patrol its joint border with Nicaragua.

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support would be setting a dangerous precedent by hampering the powers of the executive office.

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## Britain cool to changes in budget

By Patricia Clough

The Government reacted with marked coolness yesterday to the European Commission's proposals for solving the EEC's budget problem. But, officials said, an agreement in principle between heads of government at the Stuttgart summit next month was still possible.

The proposals to increase the Community's financial resources while reducing the proportion spent on agriculture is "a step in the right direction, but it does not go nearly far enough."

The revenue paid in by member states from value-added tax would increase from 1 per cent to 1.4 per cent, while only 33 per cent of the total budget - compared with 6.5 per cent at present - would be used to support agriculture. Further funds would be raised according to criteria weighted against the more agriculture-oriented countries.

Mr Douglas Hurd, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, said on a radio programme last night that the plan "does not tackle the real haemorrhage, the real bleeding of the Community, which is the very high expenditure on farm surpluses, export subsidies and so on."

If he does run, who will the Democrats choose to oppose him? Will they go for a candidate who is as unlike Mr Reagan as possible, who cares about the nation's poor and elderly, who will support minorities and who will do something about unemployment? Such a candidate would be Mr Walter Mondale, Vice-President of the Carter Administration.

Or will they go for someone who embodies many of the qualities that caused voters to elect Mr Reagan in 1980? A solid middle-American whose conservative political philosophy is not so very different from Mr Reagan's but who would enact it in a more humane and caring way. If so, they will choose Senator John Glenn, Korean war hero and former astronaut, who has been described as "the right stuff".

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### Off-on Bach?

Arrangements for Sir Lennox Berkeley's eightieth birthday concert, at the Queen Elizabeth Hall next Saturday, are becoming *molto agitato*. Berkeley, who has chosen the programme and will himself be playing the *Palm Court Waltz*, has been planning the event with the English Sinfonia for the past year. Then it was thought that sufficient sponsorship could not be raised, and for 48 hours the celebration was cancelled. Now that friends have rallied with the money and the concert is on again, the South Bank administration has sent out 3,000 posters to hotels, libraries and ticket agencies with "Concert cancelled" stamped across the date. "The QEII are as embarrassed as we are," says the Sinfonia's chairman, Harry Legge, "but the birthday concert really is going ahead".

### Acid test

The Department of the Environment has decided to set aside nearly £500,000 this year for research into acid rain. It is less than a year since Michael Heseltine infuriated the Scandinavians by sending a junior to a ministerial conference in Stockholm to deny that there was any problem of our making, and by cutting the research budget. Margaret Thatcher signed a declaration at the European summit in March asserting that "the damage done to the forest environment by acid rain makes effective joint action urgently necessary", but there are still government diehards who insist: "The politics of acid rain have run ahead of the science."

© The service list for the chapel of St John's College, Cambridge, tomorrow evening states: "No sermon." The anthem will be: "I was glad."

### Broke, mouldy?

The compiler of Camden SDP's newsletter claims to have seen this graffiti at a railway station: "The Tories are the cream of society - rich, thick, and full of cots." And to have promptly scrawled the rejoinder: "Labour are the salt of the earth - coarse-grained, mass produced and bad for you in large amounts." What I wonder, does that bit of wall have to say now about the SDP?

### My word!

My confidence in your omniscience was fully justified. I was supplied with the word which means "carousing of seamen on icebound ships" within a minute of entering my office yesterday morning. I cannot give the answer to those who cannot get it off the tip of their tongue. May 14 being the generous deadline Chambers allowed journalists, for whom the competition was originally intended, to search their new dictionary for the answer. My prize is claimed, though, and goes to Leonard Cegelski of Wembley. Actually, I am not sure Chambers is so wonderful. It does not even include the word "astronautia", which as you all know means the morbid desire to undress in front of a doctor. Betty Kirkpatrick, the editor, tells me the reason for this omission is that she is married to a doctor.

BARRY FANTONI



"I do hope, Jamsia, this doesn't herald yet another Sixties revival!"

### Cop that

During the final of the Police Athletic Association football championship in Belfast, a Metropolitan police officer knocked an RUC constable to the ground and kicked him in the stomach. Four other Met players and one RUC man were booked for foul play. At a reception after the game a senior Metropolitan officer, replying to the toast "The Metropolitan Police", hoped that next time the Met played the RUC, the Met would have their own referee. After that a fight broke out. Time off granted to police sportsmen. *Police Review* notes, is usually justified on the grounds that sport promotes the good image of the police.

Li-Cor Norman Clayton, Ministry of Defence conservation officer, has been asked to keep an eye on hundreds of leatherback green turtles which mate and lay their eggs on Ascension. Military activities on the island have ill for their sex lives. Clayton has arranged a wire fence corridor that funnels expectant mothers to a safer part of the beach. Since most of the hatchlings will be eaten - by gulls, crabs, fish, and, if they live long enough, people - it's rather souper of the RAF to bother.

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# Even the omens don't know

by David Butler

If Mrs Thatcher asks for a dissolution next week she will be going to the country from a stronger position than any prime minister since the war. Any governing party that has for some months had an opinion poll lead of 10 per cent or more must be strongly favoured to win a general election.

But even if Thursday's local elections had given 5 per cent more or 5 per cent less to any party than they actually did, they would not have offered any certain guidance to Mrs Thatcher. What happens in local elections is always a suspect guide. Only 40 per cent vote - not 75 per cent as in a general election. And even those voters include a fair number who say they would vote differently nationally and locally. A MORI poll in *The Sunday Times* found that the Conservatives might expect to do 8 per cent better in a Westminster contest than in a council election.

So for the Conservatives to fare as well as they did on Thursday, notably in such key places as Birmingham, Nottingham and Cardiff, must be comforting for Mrs Thatcher and Mr Parkinson.

Yet the margin was not enough for real Conservative assurance. Labour was only 3 per cent behind the Conservatives in terms of votes; the Alliance, although 13 per cent behind Labour, still got 22 per cent - more than any third party vote in a general election since 1929.

For the past two years the electorate has been in a more fickle mood than ever before. The opinion polls have shown fluctuations ranging from 15 per cent to 30 per cent in the support for each of the parties. By-elections have fully confirmed the new propensity to

change sides; in the final days at Bermondsey and Dulwich the party balance was transformed, but in opposite directions.

The Alliance has the most lightly rooted support of all the parties but it still has the potential to flower or to fade spectacularly during the three weeks of a general election campaign. Even in the more stable days of June 1970 and February 1974, universal predictions that the government would be re-elected were confounded by last-minute swings.

To make these points is not to predict disaster for Mrs Thatcher. Ladybird's quote 100 to 1 against her winning a 200 majority (the largest margin since 1935). A betting man should jump at such odds. The real odds must be much shorter than that. On the other hand, Corals also quote 9 to 2 on a Conservative victory. Don't take that bet. The Conservatives are rightly favourites to win, but they should not be as hot favourites as that.

The television networks offered three different translations of how

#### MARGINALS, 1979-83

	Con	Lab	Alliance
Southampton, Itchen	-1.7	-6.0	+7.7
Walsall South	+0.3	-11.9	+13.2

	Con Hold
Calder Valley	-4.1
Manchester	-7.1
Warrington	-7.5
Peterborough	+11.7

	Lab Hold
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	-5.4
Halifax	-1.6
Leicester East	+3.8
	+2.8

	Con Gain
Southampton, Itchen	-1.7
Walsall South	+0.3

	Lab Gain
Calder Valley	-4.1
Manchester	-7.1
Warrington	-7.5
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	Con Loss
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	+5.4
Halifax	+1.6
Leicester East	+3.8
	+2.8

	Lab Loss
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	-5.4
Halifax	-1.6
Leicester East	+3.8
	+2.8

	All Loss
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	-5.4
Halifax	-1.6
Leicester East	+3.8
	+2.8

	Con Margin
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	+2.8
Halifax	+3.5
Leicester East	+3.6
	+2.8

	Lab Margin
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	-5.4
Halifax	-1.6
Leicester East	+3.8
	+2.8

	All Margin
Birmingham, Hodge Hill	-2.2
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## TIME TO DECIDE

The local election results are in. They may be open to a variety of interpretations, but there is nothing in them which can provide any convincing evidence to dissuade the Prime Minister from a June election if that is her intention. It is very hard to see how it could not be her intention, given the fact that she has not – whatever she says to the contrary – taken active steps to allay or dispel the speculation which has grown apace ever since she returned from the Falklands in January.

Any Prime Minister is entitled to weigh up the evidence before reaching such a decision. It has traditionally been more personal to the office of Prime Minister than any other in Cabinet government. This weekend, with her advisers at Chequers, Mrs Thatcher now has that opportunity. On Monday – certainly by Tuesday morning at the latest – she must take the whole nation into her confidence. It would be extremely unwise, to say the least, to play about with this imponderable for another session of Prime Minister's Questions on Tuesday.

Theoretically, the choices she has before her this weekend are for June or no June and, if the former, when in June. In practice the expectation of an election has made it almost inconceivable.

## THE COMMISSION MAKES A START

At last the European Commission has come up with detailed proposals for the reform of the Community budget. One should not expect that they will immediately satisfy all member states. That would be nothing short of a miracle. What is needed is a realistic starting-point for negotiations, first in the Council of Ministers and then at the European Council (summit), which meets in Stuttgart on June 6 and 7.

Clearly the proposals as they stand fall short of Britain's objectives. They do not suggest that member states' contributions should be based straightforwardly on their gross national product, as most people in Britain would think fair. No doubt the Commission felt that so radical a departure from the Community's original principles would have no real chance of being accepted by some other member governments, notably France.

Instead, it proposes that the present system of assessment should continue, except for that part (at present roughly half) of the cost of the common agricultural policy which exceeds 33 per cent of the total budget. The cost of such excess agricultural spending would be shared among the member states according to a complicated formula taking into account their share in the production of the agricultural products covered by the policy, their per capita gross domestic product, and their contribution to the Community's "net operating surplus".

Under that formula, Britain's share of the cost would come down from nineteen to eleven per cent while those of France, Holland, Denmark and Italy would go up. The effect would be

able that Mrs Thatcher will now seek further delay. Apart from anything else she would not thereby dim the lights. The body politic would merely look ahead to October and resign itself to a four month bout of pre-election fever instead of a short sharp spasm lasting only a few weeks.

The man in the street is certainly less taken up with elections than any member of the political establishment. But even he cannot indefinitely remain immune to the speculation which has continued to rise week by week. The financial, bureaucratic and commercial worlds have not remained unaffected either. Though Mrs Thatcher's purpose has been to close the European Summit could easily influence the nature of an agreement on the important issue of Britain's rebate from the European budget. There is the Williamsburg summit at the end of May, which the Prime Minister is keen to attend. It is important that the Queen's business, in all its aspects, is carried on – indeed part of the tradition of continuity in British politics relies on that requirement being observed, even at times of election.

However there is no convincing argument for letting any one of these events determine the election timing, since, in reality, they will all occur during an election period, whatever the precise timetable of the official campaign. It would be better therefore to get the business over with; and quickly.

That is a pity, but hardly unexpected in view of the way election speculation can acquire

to cut Britain's deficit with the Community by something between a third and a half.

That is unlikely to be good enough for Mrs Thatcher, who is said to be looking for a permanent reduction in the deficit of at least two-thirds. Under the Commission's proposals the only way she could get this would be through a shift of Community expenditure away from agriculture towards other sectors which would benefit Britain more. Clearly the Commission's formula is intended to achieve this over time. Its implication is that 33 per cent, as opposed to the present 65, would be a normal proportion of the budget for agriculture to consume; and its effect is to discourage the present beneficiaries of the CAP from pushing for a higher proportion than this by making them bear a larger share of the cost.

Yet it is fairly clear that the Commission does not expect this to happen through an actual reduction of spending on agriculture as an absolute sum. The reduction would be relative, resulting from an increase in the total budget with which agricultural spending would not keep pace. The Commission believes that in any case the total budget is bound to go on rising, and cannot be contained beyond the end of next year within the one per cent of value added tax earmarked for it by the treaties.

The British Government, officially at least, does not agree. And it is right not to agree, in as much as a lot of the money now spent by the Community is ill spent on financing (and storing) unusable surpluses of perishable products. But politically, alas, the Commission is almost certainly right. It is not realistic to give those resources at will.

## IRELAND NURSES HER NEUTRALITY

It was bad luck once again for Mr Prior. He had gone to Dublin on a fence-mending expedition. Not only was his walkabout at the Spring Show washed out by a downpour but his entire mission was almost torpedoed by his abrasive colleague at the defence ministry, who had touched the nerve of Irish neutrality the day before. Just as Mr Prior was sitting down to tea and courtesy with Dr Fitzgerald, the Irish ambassador in London was firing off a note of pained protest to the Foreign Office.

What Mr Heseltine had said about Irish neutrality was what the trade unionist says about the free-rider: that Europe's small neutrals enjoy the benefits of security provided by the defence efforts of others, adding that the Soviet Union would walk all over them given the chance in a European war. It sounded good in Belfast where the words were spoken. In Dublin it provoked disorder in the Dail and resentment right across the political landscape. Mr Heseltine is now to diplomatic duties.

Irish neutrality has a flavour of its own. It is not of the third world variety. Ideological neutrality is not part of it. In the diffused contest between international communism and the democratic liberalism of western Europe and north America Ireland stands squarely where

expect governments to sanction an actual reduction in agricultural spending. The French government at any rate, already at loggerheads with doctors, students and shopkeepers, is hardly going to risk a peasants' revolt for the sake of good house-keeping in Brussels, still less for the sake of the British taxpayer.

The best we can hope for is to slow down the growth of agricultural spending, and to make sure that what growth there is is more than matched by expenditure from which we do benefit. We should also make strenuous efforts to overcome Viscount Davignon's objections to an energy import tax.

It is an unsatisfactory state of affairs, and especially for the present British Government which regards public expenditure of any sort as a very dubious way of helping the British economy.

The fact in this case it would be public expenditure financed in large part by our European partners may be good for the balance of payments, but not necessarily good for the country in any other sense. The government will rightly be determined, in the hard bargaining ahead, to keep not only agricultural spending but Community spending as a whole within reasonable bounds. One point in the Commission's proposals which it should certainly not countenance is the suggestion that the House of Commons should give the Community a kind of direct debit mandate to vote itself further increases in revenue without ratification by national parliaments. The European parliament is a useful controller of agreed resources, but should not be given the power to increase those resources at will.

We also introduced last year (and have doubled this year), the Opportunities for Volunteering scheme under which a number of major voluntary organisations administer DHSS grants to create such opportunities. This is already helping some 400 projects with about 15,000 volunteers – and it is in fact a condition of the grants that the projects must be such as not to deprive volunteers of benefit.

The Manpower Services Commission have also introduced a somewhat similar Voluntary Projects Programme.

Yours faithfully,  
HUGH ROSSI  
Department of Health and Social Security  
Alexander Fleming House,  
Elephant and Castle, SE1.

## Three-way divide for parties on TV

From Lord Aylestone

Sir, With a general election maybe weeks rather than months ahead, and the possibility of three solid weeks of party political broadcasting on both television and radio, I vividly recall experiences learned from both sides of the fence, as Leader of the House of Commons and later as Chairman of the IBA, of the problems which arise for the broadcasting authorities and the political parties. The main problem is the fair allocation of time on the air.

Whilst there is no statutory obligation for them to do so, the broadcasting authorities usually try to find a fair viewing time for the parties and to do everything possible to aid the democratic processes of electioneering. They of course realise that the public generally tend to end up rather than enjoy party political broadcasts.

The allocation of time to each political party is a matter for the "ad hoc" Committee on Political Broadcasting, comprising the authorities (BBC and IBA) and the main political parties.

In the next general election the committee will have new situations to consider which did not apply in the last general election. There is a new political force in the field in the SDP/Liberal Alliance; there are many altered parliamentary constituencies and many sitting MPs are contesting new constituencies.

Bearing these facts in mind and that in the 13 by-elections since the SDP was formed in 1981 the Conservatives, Labour and the Alliance have each secured just over 30 per cent of the total votes cast, there is no doubt that there are now three main political parties. It may be argued that the Alliance is in fact two parties, which is of course true, but is it not equally true of the Labour Party, which is split down the middle on the questions of defence, Nato and membership of the EEC?

My own view is that having taken into consideration the entitlement of the smaller political parties, such as Plaid Cymru and the Scottish nationalists, and any other party having nominated candidates for an agreed minimum of seats, then the bulk of the time allotted for party political broadcasts should be divided equally between the three main parties, each of which proposes to contest every constituency in Britain.

Yours faithfully,  
AYLESTONE  
House of Lords  
May 4.

## Rewarding volunteers

From the Minister of State for Social Security and the Disabled

Sir, Mr J. Fleming (May 2) says that a youngster wishing to do voluntary work must forfeit his unemployment benefit. This is not true.

To receive unemployment benefit (or supplementary benefit) an unemployed person must of course be "available for work" – ie, willing and able to take a job, or attend an interview, if opportunity occurs. But doing voluntary work is not in itself incompatible with this; and in March 1982, we introduced a special easement of the rules so that someone providing a service which he cannot abandon at the drop of a hat is considered to be available if he can make himself available with 24 hours' notice.

At the same time we brought out a new leaflet (NI 240) on "Voluntary work and social security benefits" to explain and publicise the scope for doing such work without losing benefit.

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## Railway architecture

From Mr Nigel Wikeley

Sir, A word or two of reassurance. When your correspondent (May 3) next comes up to town from deepest Kidderminster he will not be removed. The value of its contribution would be territorial, the provision of bases affording the allies' defences a longer reach into the North Atlantic. This contribution is withheld while, to state the condition crudely, British troops occupy land over which the Republic persists in making some sort of claim to jurisdiction.

The most striking thing about Mr Heseltine's remark for Irish political ears is that it was made while he was reviewing troops in the corner of the island which is a province of the United Kingdom. Not only did they have him chiding them for an international role they have every right to play, but he did it while perching on the very grievance in which their neutrality is anchored. Very provoking, but not very serious. No one should deny Ireland the right to determine its own external policies, nor should Ireland's neighbours be denied the liberty to state home truths about those policies. The incident should not be allowed to rankle.

Perhaps Mr McKean prefers Noddy buildings to honest design? Yours etc,  
NIGEL WIKELEY, Regional architect,  
Chief Architects' Department,  
British Railways Board,  
Southern House,  
Wellesley Grove,  
Croydon,  
Surrey.  
May 4.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Peaceful means in Central America

From Mr F. G. Dawson

Sir, Your April 29 leading article, "Down Mexico way", discussing the Central American crisis concludes that "it must be more sensible to help put out the fire than to argue about how to do it". With respect, I disagree. It is precisely because the strategies applied by the Reagan Administration are self-defeating and ineffective that alternative measures are urgently required.

Arming and training Nicaraguan rebels to invade their homeland violates article 15 of the 1948 Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which stipulates: "No state or group of states has the right to intervene directly or indirectly for any reason whatever in the internal or external affairs of any other state."

Although in El Salvador intervention is by invitation, international lawyers doubt if consent by a beleaguered government fighting a civil war can provide a valid exception to article 15.

There are precedents and machinery which can still be applied as alternative strategies to resolve the Central American dilemma in a manner more compatible with international law and more likely to obtain cooperation and support from Latin American leaders.

In 1922, in response to regional political instability and revolutionary disorder, the United States invited representatives from the Central American nations to a peace conference in Washington. The participants signed a General Treaty of Peace and Amity in which each government – the United States was

not a signatory – pledged not to intervene in any of the others' internal affairs, not to intervene in favour or against the government of another republic in the case of a civil war, and not to permit its territory to be used to organize revolutionary movements against the recognized government of any other Central American nation.

Using the 1922 conference and the General Treaty of Peace and Amity as examples, a new peace conference could now be convened by invoking the peace-keeping machinery provided in the OAS Charter and in the 1947 Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance. Participants could include, in addition to the five Central American nations, Panama, Colombia, Venezuela, Mexico and the United States.

The objectives would be to formulate a set of reciprocal undertakings against intervention and aggression, to be policed by a multinational force under the aegis of the OAS.

As your leading article emphasizes, European nations have a strategic interest in a peaceful resolution of Central American problems. Hopefully European statesmen can persuade American policy-makers that unilateral intervention cannot stop the violence, nor create the conditions in which the socio-economic inequities at the root of the present tragedy can be alleviated.

Yours faithfully,  
FRANK GRIFFITH DAWSON,  
Wolfson College,  
Cambridge.  
May 3.

## Disarmament talks

From Mr Ronald Dore

Sir, Surely, especially after Andropov's concession, we should not wait for the agreement of the French to break the deadlock and a British willingness to accept the Andropov

proposal might provide it, even without the French going along.

The Russians, after all, could reasonably be expected to accept the argument that Britain is in Nato and France is not, even if they remain sceptical of the fiction that France's *tour de force* missiles point west as much as east.

Yours faithfully,  
RONALD DORE,  
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Brighton,  
East Sussex.

## pattern of initiative and veto powers?

Some momentum in the disarmament talks is urgently needed. The INF talks are the obvious place to start. Some compromise is necessary to break the deadlock and a British willingness to accept the Andropov

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## CND and politics

From Mr Patrick Duffy, MP for Sheffield, Attercliffe (Labour)

Sir, You have confounded your enquiries at Westminster about the general secretary of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament to Catholic Conservative and SDP MPs. Inevitably, the case against such involvement by Mr Bruce Kent is almost made, and Cardinal Basil Hume is correspondingly embarrassed.

Had you also sounded out Catholic Labour MPs you would have arrived at a more balanced report. To begin with, they would agree with the Archbishop of Liverpool, Mr Derek Worlock, whom you report as stating that the "question at issue is about the ministry of a priest and not about whether CND is a valid Christian option". That is to say, they would regard the possession and use of nuclear weapons as numbering among the great moral issues of our time and would advocate the right indeed, the duty, of all Christians, especially priests, to speak out on these matters.

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## Portable pensions

From Mr Alan G. Saunders

Sir, Your editorial today (April 28), "Have pension, will travel", suggests that Government action is necessary to allow portable pensions. In fact, legislation is not required as the portable pension already exists and lives within the existing legislative framework.

The "portable executive pension" which our company launched last year, anticipated the approach mooted by the Centre for Policy Studies and means that an employer can now enter one or more employees into a central pension trust. This allows the employee to stay in the one pension scheme all his working life, irrespective of the number of job changes. The concept is simple and effective and avoids the necessity of the employee having to transfer from one pension scheme to another by, instead, having his current employer enter in and, upon a change of job, out of the central trust. This is even achieved with a simplified (i.e., one-page) documentation.

The present difficulties surrounding the transfer of pension rights stem partly from the arbitrary limits on benefits imposed by the Inland Revenue and partly from employers imposing unnecessary "conditions of employment" restrictions on pension scheme members.

As most pension schemes in this country are governed by Inland Revenue discretion, rather than statute, greater flexibility on the part of the Superannuation Funds Office would significantly boost acceptance of the portability concept. Some re-education of employers would then help to complete the job.



## COURT AND SOCIAL

### COURT CIRCULAR

#### BUCKINGHAM PALACE

May 6: Mr James Mellon was received in audience by The Queen this morning and kissed hands upon his appointment as Her Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary at Copenhagen.

Mrs Mellon had the honour of being received by The Queen.

His Excellency Senator Luis M de Posadas was received in audience by The Queen and presented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary from Uruguay to the Court of St James's.

His Excellency was accompanied by the following members of the Embassy who had the honour of being presented to Her Majesty: Senator Adolfo Carranza (Minister), Captain Ruben Gonzalez (Naval Attaché), Colonel Fermin Amado (Military Attaché) and Dr Alberto Lopendo Fajardo (First Secretary).

Senor de Posadas had the honour of being received by The Queen.

Sir Antony Acland (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs) who had the honour of being received by Her Majesty was present and the Gentlemen of the Household in Waiting were in attendance.

Mr A. H. Brind was received in audience by The Queen and kissed hands upon his appointment as British High Commissioner to the Republic of Malawi.

Mrs Brind had the honour of being received by Her Majesty.

### Forthcoming marriages

#### Mr P. C. Hamilton and Miss S. R. Courtland

The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr Stanhope Hamilton, and the late Mrs Hamilton, and Susanna, younger daughter of the late Augustine Courtland and of Lady Butler of Saffron Walden.

#### Mr D. A. McGonigal and Miss J. E. Russell

The engagement is announced between David Ambrose, younger son of the late Right Hon. Lord Justice McGonigal and Lady McGonigal of Speenhamton, Wensleydale, North Yorkshire, and Janet Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs P. J. Russell of Tranmere Park, Cheshire.

#### Mr E. J. Leigh and Miss M. Goodman

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Sir Nevile and Lady Leigh of Barnes, London, and Mary, daughter of Mr and Mrs Philip Goodman, of Kensington, London.

#### Mr S. J. Allen and Miss R. J. Hockey

The engagement is announced between Stephen John Allen and Ruth Joyce, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John Hockey.

#### Mr D. Ballington and Miss V. J. Wilkinson

The engagement is announced between the second son of the late Mr B. T. Ballington and Mrs M. Ballington, of Grindelford, Derbyshire, and Vanessa Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs A. Wilkinson of Sandgate Park, Shefford, Bedfordshire.

#### Mr D. A. Connell and Miss M. E. Pringle

The engagement is announced between Douglas Andrew, younger son of Mr and Mrs S. T. Connell of Culander, Berkshire, and Majorie Elizabeth, only daughter of Mr A. N. Pringle of Edinburgh, and the late Mrs M. S. Pringle and stepdaughter of Mrs A. M. D. Pringle.

#### Mr G. E. Connell and Mrs S. C. B. Mitchell-Kind

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, elder son of Mr and Mrs T. E. Connell of Swanscombe, Kent, and Susan, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs F. W. Mitchell, of Lee-on-Solent, Hampshire.

#### Mr P. A. Dawson and Miss S. L. Franklin

The engagement is announced between Bruce Amager Dawson, of London, SW1, and Mrs D. F. Dawson, of Wimbledon, and Serena Louise, eldest daughter of the late Mr Sidney James Franklin, of The Dower House, Hexton, Hertfordshire.

### St Clare's, Oxford

Mr T. Aserbak will take up his appointment as Principal of St Clare's on September 1, 1983, on the retirement of Miss Anne Dreydel. Speech Day is on Saturday, May 28. Old students wishing to attend a farewell dinner party and/or dinner for Miss Dreydel on Saturday, June 18 are asked to apply to the secretary.

### Latest wills

Mrs Elsie Rene Tritton, of Canterbury and Grosvenor Square, Mayfair, London, left estate valued at £412,397 net.

Other estates include (net, before tax paid):

Alfred, Mr Ivan Charles, £206,291; Anderson, Mrs Cecilia Margaret, of Haverhill, Norfolk, £222,891.

### Sale room

## Gothic ivory casket fetches £418,000 at Hever Castle auction

By Geraldine Norman  
Sale Room Correspondent

A Gothic ivory casket from the Hever Castle collection was sold for £418,000 to E. Lubin, a New York dealer. It is finely carved with the legend of St Eustace and was made in the Ile-de-France in the early fourteenth century. While sections of Gothic boxes can still be found, a complete casket is a great rarity. Sotheby's had suggested a price of £100,000 to £150,000.

The casket had appealed especially to William Waldorf Astor, who formed the collection of ivories sold yesterday about the turn of the century, because he believed it to have belonged to Mary Queen of Scots.

Sotheby's had taken that with a pinch of salt but recorded that its nineteenth-century owner,

Hollingworth Magniac, believed it to have belonged to Cardinal York, the younger son of the Old Pretender, and to have belonged to his family since the accession of James I in 1603.

The sale of works of art from Hever Castle made a total of £1,570,000, bringing the takings for the two days of sales to £37,400 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) and a sapphire cameo portrait bust of Queen Elizabeth, one inch high, made £18,700 (estimate £4,000-£6,000).

At Christie's South Kensington a collection of 75 First World War recruiting posters published by the Parliamentary Recruiting Committee and the Parliamentary War Savings Committee made a total of £9,600, mostly selling to private collectors.

Sotheby's print sale in New York on Wednesday and seen in Huddington.

The Louvre spent £15,950 on

a silver-gilt and rock-crystal reliquary (estimate £15,000-£20,000) in the form of an arm terminating in a hand holding a pen.

A seventeenth-century enamelled gold necklace, probably made in the Imperial workshops in Prague, sold for £37,400 (estimate £10,000-£15,000) and a sapphire cameo portrait bust of Queen Elizabeth, one inch high, made £18,700 (estimate £4,000-£6,000).

At Christie's South Kensington's sale of Victorian pictures made £131,220, with 25 per cent left unsold. A nineteenth-century reconstruction of "Oliver Cromwell leading his cavalry into battle" by Abraham Ham Cooper was bought by Oscar and Peter Johnson for £564 (estimate £500-£800) on behalf of the Cromwell Museum (Cromwell, Rev Dr J. W.

Thursday made £1,071,306, with 16 per cent left unsold. The high flyer of the sale, Picasso's 1938 etching "La Femme au Tambourin", was unsold at £95,000 (estimate £10,000-£130,000), or £9,748. The most expensive item to find a buyer was a portfolio of 10 lithographs by El Lissitzky called "Victory over the Sun" at £71,500 (estimate £70,000-£80,000), or £44,968, to a Chicago dealer.

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## Ensuring the future of parish records

When Thomas Cromwell, Vicar General of Henry VIII, issued injunctions in 1538 on behalf of the Crown he could scarcely have foreseen that the following item would have been the subject of so much legislation, controversy, interest and sometimes neglect:

"Item, that you and every person, vicar or curate within this diocese, shall for every church keep one book or register, wherein ye shall write the day and year of every wedding, christening, and burying, made within your parish for your time and so every man succeeding you likewise..."

Issued in the very year of the dissolution of the greater monasteries by the man who was the chief agent in their dissolution, it is no wonder they were received with mixed feelings. Within the State Papers there is a letter from Sir Peter Edgecombe dated April 20, 1539 where he points out the misgivings and "great fear" that the injunctions had created in the counties of Devon and Cornwall.

Despite these controversial beginnings and in some cases very late start the keeping of parish registers commenced throughout England and Wales.

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R. E. Chester Waters, in his *Parish Registers in England of 1887*, summarized an earlier work on the subject written in 1862 in which the following catalogue of the wilful destruction of the registers makes the *Parochial Registers and Records Measure*, passed in 1978 by the General Synod, at least 100 years too late.

"They [parish registers] were cut up for patterns by tailors and lace-makers, mutilated by collectors of autographs and sold for waste paper, almost without remembrance, except from a few indignant persons. The parchment books suffered more than the paper ones from the greater number of uses to which the materials could be turned. In one parish in Sussex they were

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Perhaps one of the most important provisions of the measure is the survey that is in progress throughout the parishes of England and Wales which will be the first of its kind in many dioceses for a great many years; the last national survey being in 1812. It will show how previous custodians have treated their records, experience suggests that this will not compare any more favourably than earlier surveys.

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enormously with the upsurge of family and local history societies, with the result that some parishes that still have their records have derived a not insignificant income from searches in their earlier records. (The search fees are £5.50 for the first hour, or part of it, and £2.50 for each subsequent hour.)

In such days of economic restraint it is hardly surprising that many should not only feel that the fees are justified but also rightfully collected. Nonetheless it would seem that these parish records which contain such priceless records of the history of our nation, whatever our ancestors' position in life, should no longer be subject to the care of the incumbent and PCC, and should be looked upon as part of our national heritage to be preserved for future generations. They were given, treated their records, experience suggests that this will not compare any more favourably than earlier surveys.

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### Latest appointments



Air Marshal Sir Thomas Kennedy, who is to be the Royal Air Force's new Air Member for Personnel, in succession to Air Marshal Sir Charles Ness.

### Birthdays

TODAY: Professor Sir Philip Baxter, 78; Mr A. (Scobie) Bresley, 68; Lord Briggs, 62; Sir Charles Cunningham, 77; Sir Ray Geddes, 71; Professor R. Y. Goodwin, 74; Sir James Gowans, 59; Mr Robin Hanbury-Tenison, 47; Sir Lenox Hewitt, 66; Lieutenant-Commander Sir Robert Hobart, 68; Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, 76; Lord Kirkhill, 53; Mr David Leach, 72; Sir Basil Nield, 80; Mr Tony O'Reilly, 47; Sir Lennox Paton, 91; Mrs Ruth Prawer Jhabvala, 56; Sir Arthur Shelding, 69; Miss Elizabeth Soderstrom, 46; Mr R. U. Thomas, chairman of the Royal Commission on the Environment, 70; Mr W. M. Allen and Mr Richard Scott.

LORD BROCKWAY: Lord Brockway entertained members and guests of the International Cultural Exchange at dinner in the House of Lords yesterday. There were present:

The High Commissioner for India and Secretary to the Indian Mission, Mr G. M. Munro; Mr H. H. (Sir) Comptroller of Customs, Mr R. U. Thomas, chairman of the Royal Commission on the Environment, 70; Mr W. M. Allen and Mr Richard Scott.

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## Rich rewards of a comfortable compromise

David Cross savours low-key luxury in the United Arab Emirates

As the DC10 floats down towards the minarets of Sharjah airport, a single white flame punctuates the early morning mist like a huge candle. The burning gas is rising above the desert from one of the many oil wells which, in the space of less than 20 years, have transformed the seven feudal sheikdoms of the lower Gulf into one of the world's richest federations - the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

The plane is on time, but the mist is too dense at Dubai International airport, our ultimate destination, and we land at Sharjah to wait for it to lift. More than two hours later, when the rising sun has cleared the air, we take off again, minus a handful of the more impatient passengers, for one of the shortest commercial flights possible in a long-haul jet. In a land where prestige is more important than money, the building of two major airports just 10 miles apart for no more than a few dozen flights a day is not regarded as extravagant.

Dubai airport, with its plush air-conditioned lounges and row upon row of duty-free shops where a bottle of gin costs just over £1, is almost as magnificent as the mosque-like terminal at Sharjah, although the hordes of foreign workers returning from the Indian subcontinent having their baggage searched for drugs present a hurdle for the unwary at immigration and customs.

Western Europeans are, however, regarded with less suspicion by the authorities, and within a matter of minutes we glide through the formalities and into a waiting taxi. It is spring along the Gulf, the air is dry and clear and the temperature pleasantly in the upper seventies.

Dubai and the other emirates, British protectorates until 12 years ago, represent a comfortable compromise between the Islamic fervour of neighbouring countries such as Saudi Arabia and Iran and the industrialized western world. A trip, perched on a rough wooden bench on the deck of a tiny motor ferry, along the creek which has always been the centre of Dubai's commercial life highlights the contrast.

On one side an uninterrupted line of modern buildings, mostly banks and other financial institutions, forms a spectacular backdrop to the dozens of dhows, once used to smuggle gold to India but now more likely to ferry electronic gadgets along the Gulf. On a passing ferry, two Arab women in their traditional shrouds sit sporting luminous green plastic sandals next to a pretty young European girl with shapely tanned calves.

Large parts of the old city have, however, been spared the encroachment of high-rise development projects. The old spice market, filled with the heady scent of dried lemons and cloves, is just a few paces along a narrow alleyway from the gold market, where Lebanese merchants exchange outmoded styles of jewelry for the latest fashions at little more than the original value of bullion. On the other side of the creek, the original mud dwellings still have their wind towers to deflect the sea breezes to the living quarters below.

The desert along the Gulf coast, where it has not been used for building, is mostly flat and uninteresting. But it takes just an hour or so driving inland by car or minibus to reach the real deserts of the Arabian peninsula. Huge sand dunes, some nearly 100ft high, whose shape and colour change constantly as they are subjected to different wind and light conditions, threaten to engulf the fine new metal roads. As the highways are built, saplings are planted along them to hold back the desert, and wire-mesh fences put up to prevent grazing camels getting run over.

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A few miles further on lies the historic town of Al Ain, once one of the last watering points on the 1,000-mile camel train route across the Arabian desert, but now a thriving modern metropolis shortly to be blessed with its own Disney-type amusement park.

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Peace and prosperity: Mosque in Dubai (left) and a jewelry seller who moonlights as a museum nightwatchman

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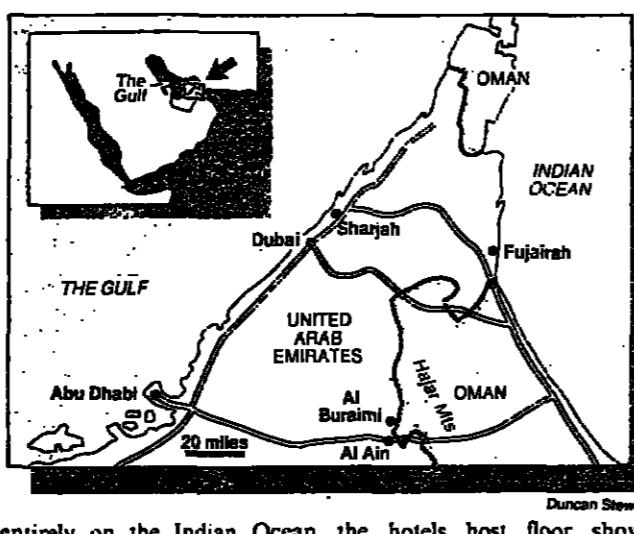
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entirely on the Indian Ocean side of the peninsula, offers the best ocean bathing in the lower Gulf. There are dozens of tiny sandy bays, deserted except for the occasional fisherman's hut. Hotels such as the Fujairah Hilton have their own beaches with all the facilities for marine sports such as scuba diving.

Nearly all the hotels in the emirates are in the luxury class, and they provide most of the tourist entertainment, including the only legally available alcohol in the emirates. In Dubai and Al Ain and other main cities, there are many excellent ethnic restaurants where the only drawback is the absence of a glass of wine or beer. Most of

the hotels host floor shows which are as popular with the local Arabs as with visiting westerners, the entertainment is served with a lavish buffet in which tiny Lebanese delicacies vie for space with whole roast lamb and huge prawns.

The hotels are half empty much of the time, and the scarcity of other tourists is one of the great attractions of a holiday in the UAE. Another great advantage is the tolerance of the authorities towards western customs such as the wearing of bikinis on the beach and women driving. Off the beaches, however, shorts and provocative apparel should not be worn by either sex.

### Mid-summer's only three hours away.

Average May temperature in Malta 22°C-27°C

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## VALUES

From furs to furniture, hats to houses, Beryl Downing finds people who will keep them clean

## How to tan your hide, get dyed and be taken to the cleaners

If cleanliness is next to godliness I should be in line for a halo. I have just submitted my carpets, my clothes and myself to the ministrations of sundry specialists until everything but my conscience is whiter than white.

I learnt a few lessons on route. One we all know, but invariably try to circumvent: it doesn't pay to buy cheap. If you want to have expensive items cleaned - suede, fur, silks, wedding dresses for instance - don't take them to a chain cleaners: go to the expensive specialist. Otherwise you may find that all the stuffing has been knocked out of the material and it is as unweavable as it had been left dry.

Another is that if you have a long-pile carpet and are using an on-site cleaning service, do make sure that they check the underside for any possible defects if they intend to rake the pile. If you happen to have damp and there is any mildew in the carpet, they could make a hole in it, although raking long pile should not normally damage the fibres.

That was the bad news. The good is that dyeing is making a modest comeback. A year ago, there were only a couple of specialist dry cleaners who still undertook dyeing. Now Sketchley's have started a new nationwide service and Collins in London are planning to launch theirs in about four weeks.

What is more, there are still people who will clean gloves, hats and lampshades, even if they are few and far between. If you have specific cleaning problems and no one to solve them locally, the Dry Cleaning Information Service lists specialists throughout the country. Write to them at Lancaster Gate House, 319 Pinner Road, Harrow, Middlesex. Meanwhile, here is a selection of services to help with your spring cleaning.

Maclean Marie Blanche, 154 Battersea Park Road, London SW11 (622 0151)

Laundries and cleaners who handle curtains, carpets, upholstery - and one of the few who clean lampshades. They do it on site, deal with all fabrics and costs are from 75p to £1 for a small lamp shade. Branches in Nottingham and Cardiff.

### Oriental rugs

Hand cleaning of valuable Persian and other oriental rugs is usually available through retail specialists, who will also restore. There is no flat rate - all work is estimated individually, but you can expect a very lightly soiled rug about off x 4ft in good condition to cost at least £15. Those who offer such services include:

Nissim, 23 Charlotte Road, London EC2 (739 5051)

Hand-woven and machine-made rugs cleaned and restored, Axminster and Wilton re-tufted on site - to repair small coal or cigarette burns, for example.

Carpets and furnishings

Cleanline, 122 Acre Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey (549 7346)

Cleaning of carpets, upholstery, fabric wall coverings on site by their mobile cleaning plant which operates from the van by its own heat and power. They clean curtains at their own premises, collect and deliver,

also on offer, a complete take down and rehang service with guarantees against shredding and shrinkage. One width of lined velvet curtain 6ft long costs about £4.80 with discount for quantity.

Pilgrim Payne, Latimer Place, Latimer Road, London W10 960 (5856)

Cleaners with 130 years experience - and a royal warrant. Carpets and upholstery cleaned on site, curtains taken down, cleaned and re-hung. They also re-line curtains or renew linings. Unlined curtains cost from 75p per foot drop per width.

ServiceMaster, 50 Commercial Square, Freeman's Common, Leicester (0333 548620)

A franchised cleaning service operating worldwide and cleaning 10 million sq ft of carpet every day. They use the water extraction method, or shampoo, and have 30 chemicals that combine to suit the individual carpet. Charges vary among the 153 members, depending on their area and travel costs. An Indian carpet, 12ft x 9ft costs £28-£35.88. They also rescue furnishings from flood damage - dry out carpets and stretch back into place. Local franchisees are usually in Yellow Pages, or contact head office, above, for your nearest agent.

Thuroclean, 52 Bondway, London SW8 (582 6033), branches in Leeds and Glasgow

Emergency rescue after flood damage. This company arrives within two hours of a cry for help to extract water from carpets and furnishings, install drying and de-humidifying equipment, clean and re-fit.

They also offer an on-site carpet dyeing service - about one third of the cost of replacement - and they have a new product called Urine, to remove stains and smells, even old ones left by less than lovable pets. The kit costs £14.95 including p&p from the Bondway address.

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### Gem of an idea

■ Exposure, in the neatest possible way, is what many craftsmen need. Too often commissions are lost when their work is shown in a gallery simply because they have no retail outlet and prospective buyers find it too inconvenient to contact the designer direct.

The British Crafts Centre are taking a first step towards putting this right by organizing an important promotion of designer jewelry with Harvey Nichols, Knightsbridge, London SW1, who have given the display a prime site on their ground floor until May 16.

The range is remarkable. There are combinations of niobium and diamonds by Cathy Morrell, which achieve interesting contrasts of texture and colour, and Jacqueline Mina blends 18ct gold with coloured titanium to glamorous effect. In a less expensive category there are interesting wood and perspex bracelets and earrings by Lesley Miller from £13.50.

Price is always a problem for craftsmen trying to sell through retail outlets. It seems to me that

price they ask often barely covers their costs, yet if they sell through stores the retail mark-up is so high that the object becomes overpriced. It would be nice to think that a powerful, rich store would

offer a better chance of being seen and selling more.

Incidentally, being in a grumpy mood, I wish the Worshipful Company of Goldsmiths would reconsider their hall-marking rules.

Many talented designers bring their work to me hoping for publicity which lack of space precludes. The occasionally bend the rules to give

Moral brooch, silver and niobium, about £182

J. G. McDonough, 347 New Kings Road, London SW6 (736 5146)

Plasterwork, cornices and ceiling roses cleaned and restored.

Missing or damaged pieces can be matched exactly and sometimes this is less expensive than cleaning, particularly when detail has been obscured by years of emulsion paint. They deal with small domestic jobs from £1.00 to vast city premises at £100,000. Mouldings are from £1 to £20 per ft. Similar services are offered by Moran & Wheale, Avondale Place, Bathaston, Somerset (0225 859678) and Hodkin & Jones, 515 Queen's Road, Sheffield (0742 56121).

### Clothes

Collins Couture Cleaners, 99 Gloucester Road, London SW7 (373 8059), head office and 15 London branches.

Specialists in delicate fabrics, sequinned dresses, pleating. First class cleaning of leather - my suede jacket was returned pristine and supple - plus repairs to leathers and sheepskins. Excellent and best value hand-finished by the cleaning, £1.50, zip repairs £3.25, refining from £15 for a skirt, duvets and pillows cleaned, eiderdowns

recovered from £27.25, converted to duvets from £38.75.

Dyeing service (17 colours) will be available by the end of May.

Jeeves, 9 Port Street, London SW1 (235 1101) and branches in Hampstead, Marble Arch and South Audley Street

### Gloves

Pullars of Perth, 35 Kinnoull Street, Perth (0738 23456); Athene Cleaners, 74 High Street, Shirley, Southampton (0703 788682); and Park Laundry and Dry Cleaners, 1a Brownlow Street, Weymouth, Dorset (030 57 72573).

All these firms clean gloves - most others find it uneconomic. Expect to pay about £1.80 for fabric, £2.65 for leather, any length.

### Hats

Lewis & Wayne, 9 Streatham High Road, London SW16 (768 8777); Branches in Elystan Street, London SW3 and High Street, London SE20.

Will clean trilby hats at £2.25 and fur hats from £3 in addition to their usual laundering and cleaning services.

### Suede, leather, fur

Suede and Leather Care, 30 Preston Street, Brighton (0237 27488)

Cleaning and renovation of all suedes, leathers, sheepskins and fur. They will re-surface, re-tint, match panels, re-model and offer a postal cleaning service.

A three-quarter-length coat cleaned, redressed and siliconed (to prevent spotting when you go out in the rain) from £18.50 up to £28.50 if the condition is poor. They also make leather clothes to order.

Suede Services, 2a Hoop Lane, Golders Green, London NW1 (455 0052)

Leon Simons has specialized in the treatment of suedes and leathers for 40 years. He re-tints, resurfaces every type of natural skin garment. Cleaning of a skirt is £9.50, suede jacket £22 to £25, trousers £10. Fourteen-day postal service available.

Giltbrook Dyers and Cleaners, 322 Baker Street, London NW1 (935 7316).

One of the few cleaners who have steadfastly offered a postal and personal dyeing service while all around were saying it was uneconomic. They offer 16 colours plus black and prices are coats from £17.30, dresses £11.90, blankets £1 single.

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Dry cleaners who also offer a postal dyeing service in 16 standard colours, or items, including lengths of fabric, dyed to individual specifications.

Velvet curtains £7 per square yard plus postage, lady's coat £8.80. Also specialists in suede and leather cleaning and repair. They have 14 branches in the Nottingham and Derby areas.

Sketchley - all branches

When a nationwide chain of cleaners goes into dyeing it is obvious that too many cleaners have given up the service. This service is only four weeks old and the colours offered are the same shades as Chalfont and Giltbrook, plus lime, making 17 colours, and black. They make

Victor Segal Company, Invicta House, 17 Dufferin Street, London EC1 (253 8877)

The largest fur renovation specialists in the country. They clean, repair and remodel and can arrange for fur to be dyed.

Westmans Cleaners, Devonshire Road, Weston-super-Mare, Avon (0934 281685)

Specialist cleaners of sheepskin operating a postal service here and abroad. They also deal with suede, leather, pigtails and split hides. Charges are from £10.50 for jackets up to 30in, coats from £12.00.

IN THE GARDEN

## A riot of colour for Toxteth at Liverpool flower festival

Almost exactly 12 months from now, the biggest horticultural event since the 1851 Exhibition was reassembled at Sydenham will open in Liverpool. It will run from May to October.

The International Garden Festival is promoted and organized by the Merseyside Development Corporation and is already being called "Liverpool '84". Gardening display is the main theme of the exhibition but it will be broadly based to appeal to a wide public.

The site of the exhibition is 125 acres of derelict dockland, close to the Toxteth area of Liverpool. Work has been in progress for more than 12 months and more than 4,250,000 cubic feet of soil have been used. Old petroleum tanks

and a derelict dock have been filled in and landscaped to create a site suitable for a festival. Design is in the hands of a number of teams of architects, each of which has a particular project to manage. The design co-ordinator is R. D. Beaumont of William Gillespie and Partners.

Area 1 comprises the domestic and international theme gardens, the home and garden feature and structure plantings. Area 2 has a water feature and some development of the central road which runs through the site, a gardeners' market and more structure plantings. Both areas are with William Gillespie and Partners.

Staff from Brian Clouston and Partners are in charge of Area 3, the riverside area, which will demonstrate interlinking footpaths and permanent planting of woodlands as well as the water features, as well as the theme of nature in the city.

Area 4 will take in the winning design from the landscape competition as well as the water feature which is to be part of this exhibition. Derek Loveloy and Partners are to carry out this work. Arup Associates have Area 5 and their contribution is to be a domed structure to house the indoor plant exhibits as well as the piazza and service area for the area.

Areas 6, 7 and 8 are structure developments such as the miniature railway, the hydraulics for the water features, the esplanade and river walks as well as the new river wall. Firms involved in these areas include Ward, Ascroft and Parkman, W. G. Curtin and Partners and Cass Associates.

The exhibition will be international and will include gardens from the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany, Canada, Portugal, Belgium, Italy and Greece. The organizers hope that there will be up to 20 foreign entries. The Department of the Environment is involved in plants for a British pavilion.

It is hoped that the high quality of the international exhibits will stimulate British horticulturists to do even better. Among the many exciting projects are a garden commemorating the Beatles, another on the theme of the streets of Liverpool and a jam garden.

The Royal National Rose Society will present a rose garden and, intriguingly, there

will be a "whisky garden".

10 Land treatment maze

11 Water labyrinth

12 Animal display

13 Bee garden

14 Butterfly gardens

15 Woodland rose garden

16 Observation platform

17 Theme gardens

18 Fountains and cascade

19 Rose garden

20 Tropical display

21 Gladiolus tropical display

22 International gardens

23 Play area

24 Spring garden

25 Sculpture gardens

26 British pavilion and garden

27 Gardens for the disabled

28 Toilets and refreshments

29 Water and garden feature

30 Station

31 Mill pond

32 Nature in the city theme

33 Alternative technology display

34 Privity wood

35 British pavilion

36 Service area and workshop

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38 Restaurant

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## REVIEW Old jazz records reissued

# Replicas that hark back to Hard Bop

Browsing through the racks of specialist jazz record shops is becoming increasingly like entering a time machine switched permanently into the Hard Bop years of the late 1950s and early 1960s. Between the shiny new issues, such as Miles Davis's *Star People* (CBS 25395) and Gil Evans's *The Miles Davis Orchestra* (Mole Jazz MOLE 8), both relevant to important recent events and both highly recommended, the customer is confronted by bins overflowing with the stock which might have been found in such an establishment 20 years ago.

Only tiny legends betray the fact that some of those beautiful Blue Note discs, resplendent in their original Reid Miles covers, come from Japan; others from France; a small symbol indicates the French provenance of the sturdy *Jazzland*; a single discreet rubric identifies certain Riverside and Prestige LPs as the produce of California; and a change of address denotes the recent manufacture of the otherwise immaculate Contemporary albums.

In the 1970s, jazz reissues were conceived as repackages.

The original albums were taken apart, reprogrammed to fit a compiler's theme or a chronology, and released with new artwork and sleeve notes frequently as "twofers" (two for the price of one) bargains. This was a worthy philosophy, since the new programming was often of greater service to students, as were more extensive annotation and discographical information; but it did not satisfy the new breed of collector, whose passion was for originality.

Typically, this new collector was someone who came to jazz

during the Hard Bop era, soon after the long-playing record had become established. In those days, he probably could afford to purchase only the smallest proportion of the profusion of discs which were pouring out of the studios of New York and Los Angeles; since many were not even released outside America, he found himself falling in love from afar. Now, in his maturity and perhaps prosperity, he is in a better position to lap them up, and he wants them the way they were when he first lusted after them.

Auctions are one increasingly popular way to satisfy the desire. Original Blue Note, Riverside, Contemporary and Prestige pressings are now put out to bidding on circularized lists by a number of specialists, but the prices in many cases are prohibitive, pushed up by overseas bidders, particularly the Japanese. One may still occasionally get lucky in the markets and junk shops, but the second-hand trade is now only too aware of the value of its merchandise.

Various companies have perceived that the answer lies in replicas: in reproducing as accurately as possible the artwork (sleeve and label) and, in some particularly audacious cases, the pressing quality of these artifacts from two and three decades ago.

Inevitably, the Japanese started the tumultuous rolling with various series which showed a pleasing concentration on the obscure gem rather than the obvious classic. King Records of Tokyo has been particularly successful with its Blue Note issues, which



Spirit of jazz: Stylish sleeves grace reissues by Thelonious Monk, Kenny Burrell and Harold Land

come enclosed in covers fabricated from something approaching the old thick matt board used in the days when the records came from 43 West 61st street, New York – indeed, in the case of the recently released *Blue and Sentimental*, by Ike Weber, they have even gone to the length of maintaining the discrepancy between that address, which was printed at the bottom of the rear of the jacket, and 47 West 63rd Street, which appears on the disc's label.

*Blue and Sentimental* (ST 5508) is in every way a fine example of the genre. Quebec wa a superior tenor saxophonist much admired inside the jazz world, whose four Blue Note releases in the early 1960s attracted little attention. This

particular issue finds him at his most relaxed and authoritative, in the company of three Blue Note regulars: the guitarist Grant Green, who avoids the blues clichés he used elsewhere during the period and plays quite beautifully as a result, the bassist Paul Chambers and the drummer Philly Joe Jones, who had worked together in Miles Davis's quintet. Jones's work behind Quebec on the medium-tempo "Minor Impulse" is one of the finest examples of his superbly propulsive punctuation.

In Paris, Pathé-Marconi has picked up the idea and is now marketing its own line of Blue Note replicas. Not quite as convincingly accurate as the Japanese, they nevertheless

have almost the correct grade of sleeve card and a pressing as close as is possible with today's European technology to the old bevelled-edge heavyweights on which the needle landed with such a gratifyingly mellow plop.

From their first batch of 21 titles, I would choose Hank Mobley's *Workout* (ST 84080), for three reasons: Mobley has had a unfairly neglected tenor saxophonist, whose recordings have generally stood the test of time better than most; this LP also features Green, Chambers and Jones, with the addition of the incomparable pianist Wynton Kelly; and, lastly, it is precisely the kind of album one never thought to see restored to the catalogue, least of all in its

pristine originality. The French have also been at it with the Prestige, Riverside and Jazzland catalogues, thanks to the house of Carré. *Evidence* (Prestige New Jazz 68328) is in some ways the most satisfying recording by that prolific soprano saxophonist Steve Lacy, thanks to brilliant work by the trumpeter Don Cherry and drummer Billy Higgins, and to a repertoire divided between Duke Ellington and Thelonious Monk; original copies are worth their inflated auction price on musical value alone, so this is a genuine bargain.

Wynon Kelly's *King Blue* (Riverside OJC 033) may well be overlooked in this flood, which also includes releases by Miles Davis, Sonny Rollins, Milt Jackson with and without

the rest of the MJQ, Cannonball Adderley, Wes Montgomery, Gene Ammons, Clifford Brown, Bill Evans and Art Blakey. That would be a pity.

The foundation of this exemplary record is one of the great Miles Davis rhythm sections, in which Kelly is joined by Paul Chambers and Jimmy Cobb; on two of the LP's six tracks they are augmented by Nat Adderley (cornet), Bobby Jaspar (flute) and Benny Golson (tenor saxophone). The trio accounts of "Willow Weep for Me" and "Softly As in a Morning Sunrise" are full of the calm joy which suffuses Kelly's playing: the writing for sextet on the title piece is simple but imaginative, setting the scene for a startling good solo by Adderley, who was sadly accustomed to operating in the shadows of his extrovert brother and Miles Davis, his primary influence.

So much, at least in outline, for Japan and France. Now the original source has continued on, and the present owners of Prestige, Riverside and Jazzland – the Fantasy company of California – have put together an extensive release of 40 items from the archives, each in the form in which it was first seen, and retailing at the very rational price of about £5.

It is with great delight that one welcomes the Thelonious Monk Trio (Prestige OJC 010), with that funny futuristic yellow and black label design and the surreal cover painting by Gil Melt, himself a composer of some renown; these are classic recordings of such tunes as "Blue Monk", "Little Rootie Tootie", "Trinkle Tinkle" and "Just a Gigolo", and – earlier repackages notwithstanding – this probably represents the most sensible way in which to acquire them.

Kenny Burrell's self-titled album (OJC 079) is a particularly outstanding example of the genre, known as the "blowing session", long discounted and now perhaps due for reappraisal. What could be kinder to the ears than this extended treatment of "Don't Cry Baby", a blues which brings the very best out of the leader's guitar, Pepper Adams's baritone saxophone and Tommy Flanagan's piano? Despite its informal organization, not a note of it is bad.

Indeed, it is tempting to take some of these evocative sleeves and frame them, such as the excellence of their design. While one may look askance at contemporary replicas of vintage Bugatti sports cars and Cartier watches, the similar trend among jazz records seems entirely commendable.

Richard Williams

## PREVIEW Theatre

## Never too much of Much Ado

The opening of *Much Ado About Nothing* at the Barbican Theatre this week marks Derek Jacobi's first performances in London with the Royal Shakespeare Company. The highly acclaimed and good-looking production was first seen last year at Stratford-on-Avon, directed by Terry Hands and with Sinead Cusack playing Beatrice opposite Derek Jacobi's Benedick.

Terry Hands, joint artistic director at the RSC, had been trying to entice Jacobi into the company for seven years, but there was always film or television work in the way. *Much Ado* "celebrated his final arrival with us", Hands says.

Fellow director Barry Kyle, whose production of the rarely performed Jacobean drama *The Roaring Girl* recently opened in repertory at the Barbican, said that he much preferred to explore this sort of little-known work than to put on the 10,000th production of a popular Shakespeare play. Hands had no such qualms.

*Much Ado* is "one of the great plays", he says simply. "It will never disappoint, and far from being performed too much it can hardly be done enough."

"We wanted to try and turn recent tradition, in which Beatrice and Benedick are played as a middle-aged couple, with Beatrice afraid that she has missed her last chance of marriage. I am sure that Shakespeare was thinking of a young couple with their life

ahead of them, and this changes the play radically."

Hands had seen interpretations which were very black in their humour, by making Beatrice and Benedick young people, the black humour is diminished and the wit becomes more enjoyable, he believes. A Beatrice in her early twenties where Hands places her – while wistful at having already passed marriageable age, can still be optimistic about the future.

As if to prove his point, *Much Ado* achieved the highest box office return of the Stratford season, beating *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Macbeth* and *King Lear*.

He dismisses any danger of the production going stale. "We have refined it since Stratford, re-rehearsed it and some of the cast are new. The more you perform Shakespeare the more you lose in effort, but gain in the depth of the play. *Much Ado* is far better than last year."

For Sinead Cusack, Beatrice makes a "double" of strong-willed Shakespearean ladies, complementing her *Kate in The Taming of the Shrew*, also in repertory at the Barbican. Derek Jacobi has three more leading roles during the season

– *Peep Gyan: Prospero and Cyrano de Bergerac* in a new production of *Rostand's play* by Terry Hands.

Christopher Warman

Previews of *Much Ado About Nothing* today at 2pm and 7.30pm, and Mon-Wed at 7.30pm. Opens Thurs at 7pm.

Reflections on the dark: Derek Jacobi, as Benedick in *Much Ado About Nothing*

## Critics' choice

## ANOTHER COUNTRY

Queen's (734 1166) Mon-Fri at 6pm, Sat at 8.30pm; matinées Wed at 8pm and Sat at 5.15pm. Wars won on the playing fields of Eton are at the opposite end of Julian Mitchell's portrait of an English public school as a breeding ground for traitors. A fascinating production by Stuart Burge with a cast including Daniel Day-Lewis and John Dougal.

## CORTIN CLEAR

Wyndhams (836 3028) Mon-Fri at 8.15pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.30pm; matinées Wed at 8pm and Sat at 2.30pm. Shaw's witty, poetic picture of "civilized" Europe pre-1914, lovingly brought to life in John Dexter's production. Diana Rigg's Mrs Hushabye surprised, even her Eliza Doolittle, Rex Harrison makes a salty and whimsical Shavian.

Barrant rank as the greatest triumph for the collective method yet seen on the British stage.

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MR CINDER

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THE REAL THING

Strand (836 2680) Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 8pm and 8.30pm; matinée Wed at 2.30pm. Highly atmospheric play by Dennis Lill's acrobatic brilliance, Vivien Ellis's 1929 musical racas *Cinderella* in the anyone-for-tensie age. Modest staging, but the production's

speed and sparkle make it an intoxicating evening.

NOISES OFF

Savoy (636 8888) Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 8pm and 8.30pm; matinée Wed at 8pm. The funniest farce for years, Michael Frayn's brilliantly contrived complex of on-stage disasters and backstage dramas is still keeping house well and entertainingly well with laughter after its first performance. Phyllida Law, Benjamin Whitrow and the rest of Michael Blakemore's crack company give it the best of both worlds, the commercial hit and the connoisseur's classic.

THE RIVALS

Oliver (928 2252) May 13 at 7.15pm. In repertory. Peter Wood's sparkling revival of Sheridan's farce fulfills the promise of its cast list. Geraldine McEwan as a young but hilariously affected Mrs Malaprop, Sir Michael Hordern, gouty and irascible, Patrick Ryecart as a witty hero and Tim Curry as the Devonshire squire bringing a fresh farcical air to the world of the minutiae.

SMALL CHANGE

Cottesloe (928 2252) May 9-12 at 7.30pm (May 9: "Bargain Night" – all seats £2, unreserved). In repertory. Revival of Peter Gill's evocation of childhood in working-class Cardiff, assembled from numerous remembered details and dissolving the boundaries between past and present.

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## THE WEEK AHEAD

## Today

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**RUGBY LEAGUE CUP FINAL:** Having already won the first division championship, Hull must start favourites against Featherstone Rovers, who have only just escaped relegation; but teams chasing doubles often come unstuck. Kick-off 3pm; live coverage of the whole match in *Grandstand*, BBC1.

**ANFIELD FAREWELL:** Today's match against Aston Villa is Bob Paisley's last home game as manager of Liverpool. During his remarkable nine-year run, no fewer than 14 titles have gone to Anfield. In *Paisley - A Champion's Farewell*, rival manager Brian Clough assesses the man and his achievement. ITV, 11.15pm-midnight.

**THE INSPIRATION OF EGYPT:** This year's summer exhibition in Brighton is all about Egypt - not the country itself so much as the reflections of it and its art in European culture over, principally, the past two centuries. From the first big wave of interest occasioned by Napoleon's Egyptian campaign and its scholarly by-products through Tutankhamun fever to Elizabeth Taylor, the spell has been constant, if somewhat erratic in its effects; and this show does not skimp on the bizarre as well as the beautiful. Brighton Museum and Art Gallery, Church Street, Brighton (0273 603005). Until July 17, Tues-Sat 10am-5.45pm, Sun 2-5pm.

**BRIGHTON FESTIVAL:** 1791, the last year of Mozart's life, is the main theme. Performances of the composer's and his contemporaries' music culminate in his *Requiem*, K626 on May 21. Earlier in the programme are *The Magic Flute*, Thrus; a dramatized inquest into Mozart's death, May 14; and a double bill of Pushkin's *Mozart and Salieri* and Rimsky-Korsakov's *Mozart and Salieri*, May 15. Dome Box Office, 29 New Road, Brighton, West Sussex (0273 682127). Until May 22.

**JOHN PLAYER LEAGUE:** Weather permitting, cricket's Sunday slug gets under way this afternoon. Sussex won last year and are capable of doing so again; today they are playing Somerset at Taunton. There is coverage of one of the matches on *Sunday Grandstand*, BBC2, from 2pm.

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**POETRY IN OXFORD:** Charles Causley and Alison Brackenbury start a week of poetry readings at the Old Fire Station; at 8pm. Others taking part are James Berry, Tony Harrison and D. M. Thomas. Oxford Poetry Festival, Blackwells, Broad Street, Oxford (0865 249111) and the Old Fire Station, George Street, Oxford (0865 226848). Tickets £1-£2; season tickets £5-£7-50. Until May 15.

**LEAR:** Barry Kyle directs a Royal Shakespeare Company production of the Edward Bond play, intended to be seen in conjunction with *King Lear* in the Barbican Theatre. With Bob Peck, Jenny Agutter, Sara Kestelman, Alice Krige, Mark Rylance, The Pit (028 8795). Today and Thurs 7.30pm. In repertory.

**PTLOCHRY FESTIVAL SEASON:** The 33rd year of music, art and repertory drama in the Highlands opens with J. M. Barrie's *The Admirable Crichton* (and Mon), continuing this week with *Night Must Fall*, the thriller by Emlyn Williams (Thurs and Fri). Other productions: *Rocky Nook by Ben Travers* (from May 14); *Twelfth Night* (June 10); and *Translations* by Brian Friel (July 8). Festival Theatre, Pitlochry, Perthshire (0796 2680). Repertory performances daily at 8pm; matinees and Sat at 2.15pm. Season ends Sept 24.

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are items with romantic associations such as a porcelain dinner service made for the Gurneys in China in about 1790. Morning and afternoon sales today and tomorrow. Christie's and Edmunds's, at Guthrie Castle, Angus (02412 446). Philips and Weatherhead, Green and Smith (0702 548516), 2pm.

**NOEL AND GERTIE:** An entertainment by Sheridan Morley about Noel Coward and Gertude Lawrence, with Joanna Lumley and Simon Cadell. King's Head, Upper Street, London N1 (228 1916). Opens today at 7.30pm, dinner at 6.30pm. Thereafter daily at 8pm, dinner at 7pm.

**JAMAICA INN:** Jane Seymour, Patrick MacNee and Trevor Eve in a new production of Daphne du Maurier's rich Cornish melodrama, once filmed by Hitchcock. Starts tonight on ITV, 9-10pm, with parts two and three tomorrow, 8-10pm and 10.30-11.30pm.

**DEAD RINGER:** Timely political thriller by James Francis, in which members of the Cabinet endeavour to win a general election by substituting a dead Prime Minister with a live lookalike. With William Franklin, Sybil Hobley, Duke of York (0386 5122). Previews today at 6pm and 8.40pm, Mon-Thurs at 8pm, Fri 6pm and 8.40pm. Opens May 17 at 7pm.

**HOWARD READS LOWELL:** Alan Howard reads poems by Robert Lowell, introduced by Ian Hamilton, whose biography of Lowell was published yesterday. National Poetry Centre, 21 Earls Court Square, London SW5 (073 7851/2), 7.30pm. Tickets 80p-£1.50.

**SUMMER LIGHTNING:** Two world premieres from the Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra: Wilson-Dickson's *Summer Lightning* and Osborne's *Sinfonia No 2*. Afterwards comes Ivor's *Symphony No 4*. Peter Fletcher conducts this adventurous, almost reckless, programme. Leicester Cathedral (0533 544444), 7.30pm.

**A MATTER OF CHOICE FOR BILLY:** Graham Reid's sequel to his prize-winning play about the tensions within a Belfast family, with Kenneth Branagh again playing the eldest son, Billy, who takes charge of his three sisters after the departure of his father to England. *Play for Today*, BBC1, 9.25-10.30pm.

**NEWCASTLE DOUBLE BILL:** An ambitious multi-media staging of Stravinsky's *The Soldier's Tale* and *The Arrival of the Poet in the City* by Christopher Logue and George Nicholson. The collaboration in music, words and dance is between the Northern Sinfonia of England and the English Dance Theatre, with the co-operation of another north-eastern arts

**WEDNESDAY**

**BOTERO:** The Colombian-born painter and sculptor sometimes seems to bring a message of hope to the overweight of this world, so

Flying start: Britain's oldest airliner is to be sold on Tuesday

## Family Life

## Letting the fledgling try his wings

I was still in knee socks and pyjamas when I discovered the pleasure - and the panic - of travelling alone. The pleasure - on a train to Victoria - was to be able to think, observe, dream and fantasize to my heart's content without fear of interruption (a luxury I still cherish). The panic was less fun and occurred, on the return journey, as a direct result of my flouting parental instructions to travel in the Ladies Only compartment.

Flushed with the excitement of my solo outing I found myself alone, four stops from my destination, with a fat, balding man wearing a black blazer who, after a few preliminary pleasantries, suggested that I would be altogether more comfortable on his knee. When I declined he came and sat beside me, patting my patella in a way that, though puberty was still several years away, I knew was less than avuncular.

I learnt in the space of 10 minutes what petrified - as in rabbit - and the power of prayer both meant. When I stumbled out of the carriage I fell and scraped my knees and ran all the way home. I did not tell my parents; after all nothing serious had happened and what little did was my own fault. But I did travel in the Ladies Only compartment after that.

I mention the incident because it had a profound effect when, as a parent, I first considered dispatching my seven-year-old son on a 200-mile-train journey, alone. He was fairly relaxed about the

Detail from 1854 engraving

prospect, so long as his grandfather met him and I supplied him with stocks of Coke, comics and sandwiches. With Ladies Only out of the question and guards a thing of the past, I planned to put him in the care of a nice, respectable couple who were travelling as far.

"He's not going alone," said his father. "Anything could happen to him." "What?" I said. "Strange men," he muttered. "Well then, I'll send him first class," I said. "Won't do," said his father's friend laconically. "He'll simply meet a better class of pedester."

They were adamant and I was furious - for letting them ruffle me. Two years elapsed before he

travelled to and from the same destination alone. He returned cool and confident, with a taste for German lager and cards: his uncle had placed him in the hands of three very first class gentlemen who turned out to be part of a poker school.

"You don't have to worry about him," said one as I expressed gratitude for their "surveillance," "he could talk his way out of anything. You should see what he did with a pair of tweezers!"

So much for the angst. And yet it was not. I am still convinced, totally irrational - nor uncommon. Many other parents have expressed similar fears about sending their children unaccompanied on trips of any length, convinced that the offspring would: fall asleep and miss the station/get stuck in the lavatory/not get to the door in time/slip on to the rails; or if it were a plane journey, that he/she would be sick/terrified/cry/throw a fit - or, horror of horrors, crash.

And such anxieties are perfectly natural and should be heeded. Except that once the child has proved himself competent as you secretly knew he would, you must then allow his adventurous spirit to grow - always reminding him to observe the basic rules of solo travel: not to talk to strangers unless there are plenty of people around; never to travel with just one other stranger and not to be too embarrassed to change seats or compartments if necessary; to keep 10p coins and relevant

phone numbers in a safe pocket and, if the worst comes to the worst and the train or plane is diverted or breaks down, to stay calm and not to panic because there will be at least two adults doing that for him.

A friend who was for years an airline steward told me that he would rather have a plane load of UMs (unaccompanied minors) any day than some of the adult passengers he had to cope with. "Most of them love flying - it's as natural to them as bus and train were to us. They're usually made a fuss of and they think nothing of belting up and enjoying the ride. Adults worry far more and it's that causes the panic."

It's a good point: if you are nervous you will automatically transmit this to the child. If you are calm and confident this will similarly rub off. Provided you have organized the trip to the best of your ability, you must "let go" and allow the child to make his way, alone.

A final comment on the child being father to the man in this, as in many matters, came from a small boy I was putting on a plane, alone, for the first time. He looked a little green, not least because he had just heard a fellow commuter say to his wife, "Ah well, I must crash on."

"Nervous?" I asked the boy. "A little," he said. "But it's Dad I'm really worried about. He's terrified of flying. I think he might need a drink. Will you look after him?"

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In the list of interesting games from volume 33 Kasparov appears twice, for his games with Black versus Kavalek and Kupreichik. World champion Karpov has a more variegated record with wins versus Portisch and Ljubojevic and losses to Timman and Seirawan.

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3 month interbank 10% 10

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3 month FF 14% 14%

**ECG Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance Scheme**

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Exco 633p up 60p

Saxon Oil 183p up 17p

Breville Europe 46p up 4p

Ranger Oil 520p up 40p

Cornell 113p down 23p

Dunton 10.5p down 2p

Clyde Pet. 85p down 13p

Bio-Isolates 180p down 25p

Rockware 34p down 4p

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 New York (AP-Dow Jones)  
 Stocks were pushing still higher yesterday after surging past the record closing high of 1,226.20 reached on April 29. The Dow Jones Industrial average was up more than 10 points to 1,229.
 

The transportation average was also higher with a gain of more than 6½ points to 554. Advancing issues were about 5-to-2 over losers. Trading was very heavy.

Teledyne was 144 up 1½; Merck 92½ down 1; NCR 119 up 1½; International Business Machines 116 up 1½; General Motors 70½ up 1½; Eastman 54½ off 1½; Atlantic Richfield 45½ up 1½; Control Data 50½ up 1½; and Comsat 68½ up 1½.

Burlington Northern was down 1 at 81 3½; Southern Pacific up 7½ at 61½; Northwest 30 up 2 at 49½; UAL up 1½ at 36½; AMR up 1½ at 30; Commonwealth Edison up 1½ at 27½; Consolidated Natural Gas off 1½ at 27½.

**CURRENCIES**  
**LONDON CLOSE**  
 Sterling \$1.5780 unchanged  
 Index 84.7 down 0.2  
 DM 3.8550 up 50pts  
 FF 11.6150 up 50 pts  
 Yen 37.075  
**Dollar**  
 Index 122.0 up 0.1  
 DM 2.4412 up 2 pts  
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**Energy ministers may approve compromise**  
**Soviet pipeline peace formula**
**Hambros consortium may enter House of Fraser struggle**
**Shareholders' vote on Harrods demerger hanging in balance**

By Jeremy Warner

The outcome of Lonrho's battle to demerge Harrods from the rest of the House of Fraser department stores group continued to hang in the balance yesterday, after a shareholders' meeting in Glasgow to vote on the issue. But as the meeting took place, interest in the stores group was shifting to the possibility of a consortium bid, put together by Hambros Bank.

Counting the vote, in which far more shareholders sided with Lonrho than in any of its previous battles with the main board, was said to be extremely complex. An announcement on the outcome will be made early on Monday.

Initial indications, based on proxies representing about 80 per cent of Fraser shares filed before the meeting, were that Lonrho had been narrowly defeated. Some of these proxies however, may have been changed at the meeting and there was evidence that many shareholders have indulged in multiple voting on proxies.

Thomas Tilling, the industrial conglomerate currently fighting off a £600m takeover bid from BTR, was believed to be one of the major Fraser shareholders to swap allegiance to Lonrho for yesterday's vote.

Lonrho's chief executive said that he had recently met with Mr Christopher Sporborg of Hambros' bank, who had

discussed an offer for Lonrho's near 30 per cent stake in House of Fraser on behalf of a business consortium. But Mr Rowland dismissed the offer, believed to be 210p a share, as "too low".

"House of Fraser is worth 300p a share and our stake £140m in demerged form," he said. Whether a consortium exists is a matter of some speculation. Professor Roland Smith

Fraser's chairman was clearly concerned at the prospect of defeat and after the shareholders' meeting he backed pedalled on previous pledges to resign if he lost the vote. "The question of my future with the company will depend on the board. Many have expressed the hope that I will stay on", he said.

He hinted to about 300 shareholders who attended the meeting at the Central Hotel in Glasgow that even if Lonrho won the day either on yesterday's voting or at a separate meeting being convened for June 30, the board might continue to fight splitting Harrods off into a separate company.

He told shareholders that the technicalities of a demerger would require Inland Revenue and Office of Fair Trading approval and would also ultimately need to be sanctioned by shareholders commanding more than three-quarters of Fraser shares.

**US jobless rate falls again**

From Bailey Morris, Washington

The United States unemployment rate dropped slightly in April for the second consecutive month giving convincing evidence of a growing recovery in business.

At 10.2 per cent, the month's jobless total was one-tenth of a point below the previous month's total and was still high by post-War standards but none the less encouraging because it is moving downward on the strength of stronger industrial production.

White House officials said the figures were welcome evidence that President Reagan's programme was working and a strong recovery had begun. Mr Raymond Donovan, the Labour Secretary, said the results indicated that the recovery "is gaining strength and that the President's policies are working".

The Reagan Administration also told Congress that it would be forced to ask for another legislative increase in the national debt ceiling which now stands at \$98.8 billion (£62.92 billion).

The recent huge borrowing needs of the United States Treasury to finance burgeoning federal deficits had brought the department very close to the legal limit and funds would run out if the debt ceiling was not raised, officials said.

Mr C Warren Carter, an assistant Treasury secretary, urged members of the Senate Finance Committee to approve legislation raising the ceiling to \$1.389 billion (£83.84 billion).

The most encouraging signs in last month's employment results were the reports of the longer average work week for factory workers which rose to 40.1 hours, the highest level since June, 1981 and an increase in the average overtime worked which rose to three hours.

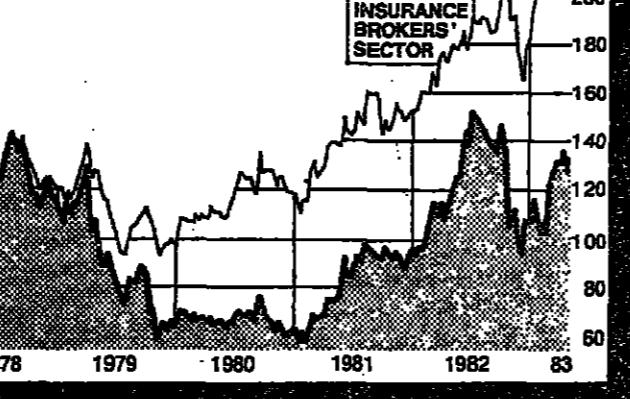
Ms Janet L Norwood, Commissioner of Labour Statistics, said these results were "particularly noteworthy" because they traditionally precede large scale hiring and staff expansion by businesses.

Despite an overall gain last month of 355,000 jobs, the number of Americans without work still stood at 11.32 million, compared with 7.6 million who were unemployed when President Reagan took office in 1980.

**Sears buys stake in Central TV**

Associated Communications Corporation, the showbusiness empire once run by Lord Grade, has sold its 51 per cent shareholding in Central Independent Television, the Midlands station, with Sears Holdings buying a big interest.

Central's three biggest shareholders have also increased their holdings substantially.

**MINET HOLDINGS SHARE PRICE**

**Recovery is here, says GKN chief**

By Our Financial Staff

Sir Trevor Holdsworth, the chairman of Guest, Keen &amp; Nettlefolds, Britain's largest engineering company, yesterday followed the CBI and Government ministers in suggesting that the recession is ending.

Sir Trevor, speaking after the GKN annual meeting in London, said that there are too many factors coming together in Britain, Europe and America for this to be seen as another false dawn.

GKN is forecasting interim pre-tax profits of more than £250m, against £10.3m in the second half of 1982. This is a modest achievement and means that interim profits for 1983 will only match those achieved at the same stage last year. Sir Trevor, however, said that this is a positive indication that a turnaround is taking place.

The chairman's optimism helped boost GKN's shares by 6p to 165p but they later fell back to 160p.

**Budget boost makes Amoco field viable**

By Our Energy Correspondent

Amoco, the United States oil company, said yesterday that it hoped to develop a small North Sea oil field called Arbroath as a result of the Government's oil taxation concessions in the Budget.

The company also said that it was interested in bidding for the British Gas Corporation's oil-in-shore oil assets, although it was "puzzled" that the Government was forcing the corporation one of Amoco's North Sea partners, to dispose of its profitable oil exploration portfolio.

The recovery has already been felt at the sharp end of the manufacturing industry, where GKN has made pre-tax profits in the first quarter of 1983 which are equal to those achieved in the second half of last year.

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Ref.	Low	Company	Price	Chg.	Gross	Ytd %	Adm.	Per	Turnover
142	120	Ass Brit Ind Ord	134	-	6.4	4.6	7.8	10.2	
138	117	Ass Brit Ind CULS	152	-	10.0	6.6	-	-	
74	57	Airspur Group	62	-	6.1	9.8	17.7	17.1	
46	29	Armitage & Rhodes	29	-	4.3	14.8	3.5	5.7	
52	197	Bardon Hill	327	+1	11.4	3.5	13.7	17.1	
148	100	CCL 11.0% Conv Pref	148	+3	13.7	10.6	-	-	
270	210	Cinco Group	210	-	17.6	8.4	-	-	
86	50	Deborah Services	30	-	6.0	12.0	3.3	8.9	
97	77	Frank Horsell	96	-	-	-	8.0	8.6	
96	75	Frank Horsell Pr Ord 87	94	-	8.7	9.2	10.5	11.3	
83	61	Frederick Parker	62	-	7.1	11.5	3.9	6.2	
55	34	George Blair	34	-	-	5.9	-	12.3	
100	74	Ind Prec Castings	77	-	7.3	9.5	9.9	12.4	
170	100	Ind Conv Pref	170	+2	15.7	9.2	-	-	
147	94	Jackson Group	147	-	7.5	5.1	4.5	9.4	
223	111	James Burrough	223	+3	9.6	4.3	16.3	18.1	
260	148	Robert Jenkins	150	-	20.0	13.3	1.6	22.8	
83	54	Scrutons "A"	69	-	5.7	8.3	9.0	10.8	
167	112	Torday & Carlisle	114	-	11.4	10.0	3.1	8.8	
29	21	Unlock Holdings	36	-	0.46	1.6	-	-	
85	64	Walter Alexander	68	-	6.4	9.4	4.9	7.0	
270	214	W. S. Yeates	266	+1	17.1	6.4	4.1	8.5	

Prices now available on Prestel, page 48146

## Profits double at UEI

By Victor Felstead

Year to 31.1.83.  
Pre-tax profits, £9.41m (£4.2m).  
Stated earnings, 12.6p (11.4p).  
Turnover, £50.78m (£30.25m).  
Net dividend, 5.0p (4.3p).

Pre-tax profits of UEI (formerly United Engineering Industries) more than doubled in the year to January 31, 1983, to £9.41m, compared with the previous year's £4.2m.

Group turnover expanded from £30.25m to £50.78m.

A divisional breakdown shows that turnover of the electronics side more than trebled, from £11.74m to £37.46m, while profits rose almost five-fold, from £1.4m to £6.69m.

Profits of the division are given before tax and holding company interest and expenses.

The total dividend is being raised from 4.3p to 5p a share.

Understandably, because it appears to give fresh impetus to the London International Financial Futures Exchange (Liffe); justifiably because the anomaly appeared to create a palpable and disreputable class of investment.

The crux of the problem is that under the existing law (Section 21 (2) of the 1970 Finance Act) a futures contract is not regarded as an investment until the underlying "real" assets are acquired.

So an otherwise tax-exempt fund which closes out its gilt contract by the normal expedient of buying an opposite contract is liable to income tax.

It, however, the contract is held to maturity, the gain is treated as capital within the meaning of the Act.

This state of affairs has been unreasonable on two grounds. First, very few contracts are held to delivery. Indeed, the point of the market is largely to avoid taking physical possession of the underlying security.

Second, the implication was that futures were in some way less prudent investments than the asset proper.

Considering the risks in-

## INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK ● edited by Sandy McLachlan

# Time to breathe life into Liffe

## COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

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Turnover, 24.71m (£4.17m)  
Net dividend, 18.0p (16.5p).

Scottish Ontario Investment Co.  
Year to 31.3.83  
Gross revenue, £1.77m (£1.59m)  
Stated earnings, 3.25p (3.21p)  
Net dividend, 3.3p (3.15p).

Copydex  
Year to 31.12.82  
Pre-tax profit £191,000 (£100,000)  
Turnover, £7.18m (£6.28m)  
Net dividend, 2.5p (2.4p).

Anglo-African Finance  
Half year to 19.1.83  
Pre-tax income, £134,000 (£73,000)  
Stated earnings, 0.56p (0.62p)  
Net interim dividend, nil (nil).

Nationwide Leisure  
Year to 31.12.82  
Pre-tax profit, £240,000 (£194,000)  
Stated earnings, 0.5p (1.1p)  
Turnover, £2.82m (£2.32m)  
Net dividend, nil (nil).

Term-Consulate  
Year to 31.12.82  
Pre-tax profit £32,000 (£28,000)  
Stated earnings 0.84p (1.49p)  
Turnover £8.15m (£9.43m)  
Net dividend 0.25p (2.5p).

## SHARE HIGHLIGHTS

Company	Price	y'day	Change	1982-83
		down 7p	402p	"High" "Low"
Gerrard & National	387p			238p 269p
Johnson Group	298p			348p 186p
Marks & Spencer	204p			236p 125p
Sotheby	445p			530p 260p

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Don Brothers

for the first time in seven years a British company is making a straightforward introduction to the Stock Exchange.

The company, Don Brothers, Brist, manufacturers of industrial textiles, makes its debut on Monday, the first to do so since Willis Faber in 1976.

The advantage of an introduction placing is that it allows the existing shareholders to put a market value on their shares without selling any.

More than a quarter of the shares are already in public hands and they will probably be some sellers in the market on Monday.

Don's price ought to open at between 60p and 65p, based on the promised total dividend of 3.5p and assuming a yield of about 7.5 per cent.

On the other hand, the forecast profit for the year to the end of May is £1.1m which does not seem to be given what the recession has done to the industry. And the company has been around since 1974, rather longer than some.

herent in equity, gilt and currency markets at the best of times it is hard to see that a fully-hedged futures investment is more exposed.

But welcome as the proposed legal change may be, it is far from certain that pension funds will flock to Liffe Conservative, by nature, and restrained by trustees, the funds may dip their toes into the quiet waters of the Exchange. If they do, they will find that the long gilt contracts in particular offer a valuable instrument for smoothing the fluctuations in flows of funds to which they are subject.

Nevertheless, Liffe needs more than this psychological fillip. April's average daily volume of 4,600 contracts is not impressive and if anything growth has almost stopped. The pension funds may find themselves free to use the exchange; but others who do receive consistent tax treatment have stayed away.

Much more interesting is to compare the Warburg tactics in this bid as with BTR bid for Thomas Tilling - where again it is on the defensive side. The Tilling defence document was for real: it offered everything but the kitchen sink and, having failed to get a monopoly reference, Tilling/Warburg must be thinking price rather than winning.

The low-key approach to the Steetley defence in the early stages suggests that Warburg is thinking in terms of winning rather than price.

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## Income plans

## FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

## Home policy revamp

Norwich Union is revamping its Home Plus policy for homes and flats without increasing the levels of premium. Contests cover have been extended to include articles left in the open within the grounds of the house, up to a maximum of £500.

Cover on cash in the house has been increased from £50 to £200 and accidental damage to televisions, video recorders, audio equipment and home computers now automatically forms part of the cover. New and existing policyholders benefit.

Premium rates for self-contained flats, maisonettes and apartments of standard construction have been reduced from 22 per £1,000 to £1.50 per 21,000.

## Car premiums up

Most private car policy-holders with Royal Insurance will find their premiums increased by 7 per cent from May 1. Preferential terms will be maintained for

the older experienced driver, but younger drivers will have to pay a higher accidental damage excess.

Some policy-holders will be better off after district rate changes, and certain discounts are being improved. For instance, husband or wife only driving will now attract the same 10 per cent discount as insured-only driving and a new discount is introduced for cars over five years old.

## Security plus

The Sussex County Building Society and AMEV Life Assurance have launched the County Capital Growth Plan which combines the advantages of investing in a managed fund with the security of a building society account.

The investment (minimum £2,000) is placed in a special Sussex County account where it earns a guaranteed 1% per cent above the ordinary share account rate. From this account, one eighth of the initial investment is deducted each year to fund the net

annual contribution for an AMEV Life Maximum Investment Plan.

At the end of the ten-year period of the growth plan, the investor receives the maturity value of the investment plan, the balance of the building society account plus an additional bonus from the Sussex County of 5 per cent of the original investment - all tax free for basic-rate taxpayers.

The highly successful Framlington unit trust group is managing the AMEV fund in which contributions to the investment plan are channelled.

## Joint credit card

Leeds Permanent Building Society is linking with Yorkshire Bank and Barclaycard to provide a credit card facility for its investors. They are launching the Pay & Save Account next month to enable investors to apply for a Yorkshire Bank Barclaycard.

Card-holders will be able to use Barclays Bank cash dispensers and make monthly settlements at branches of the Leeds.



Govett: a service for all types of investor is his aim

## Govett launch

John Govett, investment manager, is moving into the unit trust business. Govett, which manages four investment trusts (Border & Southern, General Stockholders, Lake View and Stockholders), various pension funds, and other institutional and private money, is launching an American Growth Fund this weekend. A Japanese fund will be launched next month, and three or four other unit trusts over the next couple of years.

Govett prides itself on its expertise in the North American market, where it has £225m invested. Its small investment management team is based in London, but visits all the US companies in which its funds have a stake at least once a year. These visits, the managers say, pay off not only in terms of the existing investments, but also in hot tips on new companies. The new fund will put money into computers and software, and health care. The minimum investment is £250.

## Adoption and tax

Allowances paid to parents who adopt children will not be taxed, it was announced this week.

The payments referred to are made generally by local authorities and are paid to parents who take on "hard to adopt" children. Adoption agencies, again largely local authorities, are required in deciding on an allowance in any particular case to take into account the existing resources of the adopting parents.

The payments were introduced under Section 32 of the Children Act 1975 which came into force in February last year.

## Profit option

A five-year income bond giving 8 per cent a year after deduction of basic rate tax is on offer from Hill Samuel Life. Investors can opt for a five-year profit of 48 per cent over the five-year term if they do not need income.

## Income bonds

## Hybrid plan for capital growth

R. J. Temple, the financial consultants, have developed a scheme providing income for the over 65s, the possibility of capital growth, and a means of avoiding clawback of age relief.

The scheme, the Retirement Income Board, is a hybrid consisting of a five-year guaranteed income bond, and an investment in a managed fund and a managed currency fund run by Cannon Assurance.

The income bond shows a guaranteed return of 8.5 per cent net of basic rate tax, and the investor also takes a withdrawal of 8 per cent from the Cannon investment bond.

If the underlying assets of the investment bond appreciate by at least 8 per cent a year, investors will not be depleting their capital.

According to figures produced by R. J. Temple, an investor can increase spendable income by £5.50 a week by switching a £20,000 investment in a building society into the Retirement Income Bond, because of the avoidance of age relief clawback.

The scheme does give investors the possibility of capital growth which they would not find with a building society investment, but there is the risk that the value of the investment bond could go down as well as up.

It is also debatable whether an investment in a managed currency fund is suitable for elderly investors, who might not realize that there is an exchange rate risk.

The structure and tax treatment of the bond is complicated and anyone contemplating such an investment should take professional advice.

Income is paid quarterly.

## Personal savings

## How elderly people can escape the taxman's clawback



One of the simplest ways of doing this is an investment in National Savings Certificates. These certificates are free of income tax and capital gains tax and can be bought by Mr and Mrs Jones at the Post Office.

For their £10,000 Mr and Mrs Jones can buy 400 units of the 25th Issue. By gradually encashing 118 of the units, Mr and Mrs Jones can build up an average income of £171 over the next five years as follows:

Year 1: 27 units sold producing £705.50.

Year 2: 25 units sold producing £705.30.

Year 3: 24 units sold producing £726.24.

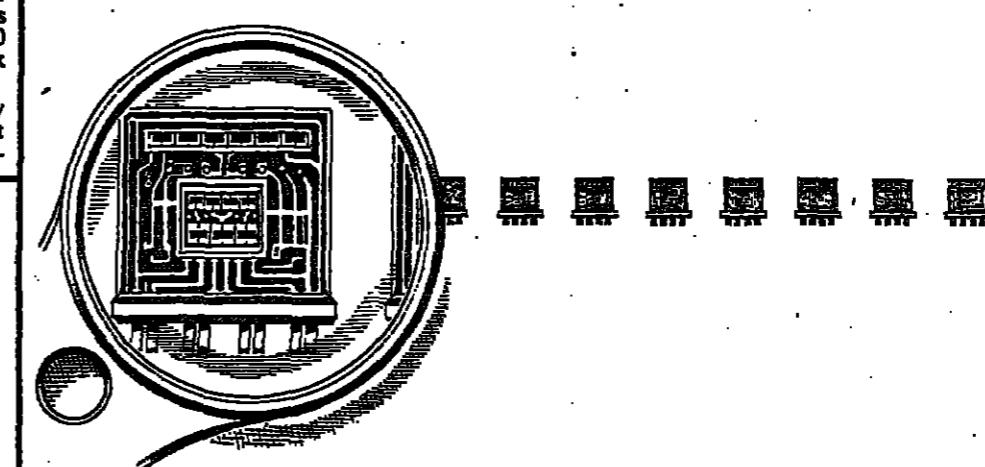
Year 4: 22 units sold producing £720.38.

Year 5: 20 units sold producing £718.00.

This increased their spending power by £271 per annum. If the Joneses retained the remaining 282 units for their full term of five years their capital will build back to £10,124.

By pulling themselves out of the age allowance trap in this way, the Joneses have increased their income, retained their capital and they still have an investment which they can deal with personally and locally.

Anne-Marie Piper



## There's nothing small about Japan's investment potential.

Brightly application of advanced technological skills by a disciplined and highly productive workforce has steered Japan successfully through the worst of the world recession.

Inflation forecast at 1.5% for 1983, is running at one of the lowest rates for any advanced industrialised economy.

And Japan's massive home market, absorbing over four fifths of the country's production, provides a firm foundation for an aggressive export policy.

Hardly surprising, then, that Japan's performance is the envy of its industrial competitors. Though the US and UK economies may well turn the corner in 1983, it is highly unlikely that they will be able to match Japan's forecast of 3.5% growth this year.

Japan has also been highly successful in containing growth in its labour costs to levels well below those of its competitors. The latest wage round, shortly to be concluded, points to a settlement around the 4.4% mark.

## Outstanding prospects

For the astute investor there is a key question. If Japan can produce such outstanding performance in adversity, what will be the potential as the climate of world trade improves?

In Gartmore's view, prospects are excellent. Any high street bears witness to the success of Japan's export drive. Advanced applications of microchip technology in the fields of video and hi-fi will, in our view, maintain Japan's dominance in this field, especially as the rumblings of a potential trade war now appear to be abating. The highly automated Japanese car industry should continue to benefit on this basis.

## Strong currency

For the UK investor there is, in our view, also considerable scope for profit from the currency

situation. At Gartmore we believe that the yen is still undervalued against most of the world's major trading currencies. Falling interest rates worldwide should lead to a further strengthening of the yen - the advantage of those who invest now.

## Invest in success

One of the best investment routes into this strong and healthy economy is through Gartmore Japan Trust. Aiming for above-average capital growth, the Trust has handsomely achieved its objective, with an 82.4% rise in the offer price of units since launch in November, 1980, compared to a rise in the Tokyo SE index of only 27.2%.

## Gartmore's Far East expertise

In achieving this performance for unitholders, Gartmore's investment professionals have a distinct edge in their ability to draw upon the valuable experience of their Hong Kong-based colleagues, who have over twenty years of experience in Far East investment.

## How you could profit from Japan's potential

You, too, can take a stake in Japan's success by completing the coupon below and sending it to us with your cheque. The minimum investment is £2,000.

The offer price of units on 5 May, 1983 is as follows. As the Trust's main aim is capital growth, the estimated current gross yield is low - a modest 0.47% p.a.

Remember the price of units and the income from them can go down as well as up.

If you hold shares and would like to consider exchanging them on advantageous terms for a stake in Japan, please tick the box in the coupon for details of our Share Exchange Service.

General Information: Applications will be acknowledged and certificates will be forwarded within a week. You will need to send to us at least three months before the offer price date to allow time for the preparation of the prospectus and the relevant documents. You will receive a cheque book with seven days of the Manager's receiving your application. The Trust is constituted and administered by a Trust Deed dated 22 October, 1981. Income is distributed quarterly. All expenses are paid by the Manager and no particular charge is made for this. Investors can be restricted from the Irish Revenue if you are entitled to do so. The Trust has an initial management charge of 1.5% of the value of the units equivalent to 1% on the issue of units at the offer price. The present annual charge is set at 1.5% one per cent per annum (plus VAT) for the duration of the investment. The maximum of 1.5% is not affected by the offer price. The Trust is not subject to stamp duty and stamp duty will be paid for in the estimated current gross yield. Restoration and capital gain/loss are available on the units.

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## FAMILY MONEY

## Premiums

## Move to end discrimination

The debate in the insurance industry about whether it is fair to charge women more for permanent health policies may take on an entirely different complexion if the United States brings in legislation presently before Congress outlawing the use of different actuarial tables for men and women.

The Fair Insurance Practices Bill would mean the introduction of unisex mortality and morbidity tables and insurers in Britain could also find themselves under great pressure to change their ways.

The Equal Opportunities Commission is conducting a test case on permanent health insurance, backing Ms Jennifer

Pinder, a London dentist, who claims discrimination because she is forced to pay 50 per cent more for part of her permanent policy.

At the moment insurers are allowed to discriminate between men and women under the Sex Discrimination Act 1975 if they can justify this through actuarial data. The Commission is challenging the industry to produce this data in court. It has been so slow in doing so that the Pinder case is unlikely to reach the courts before October.

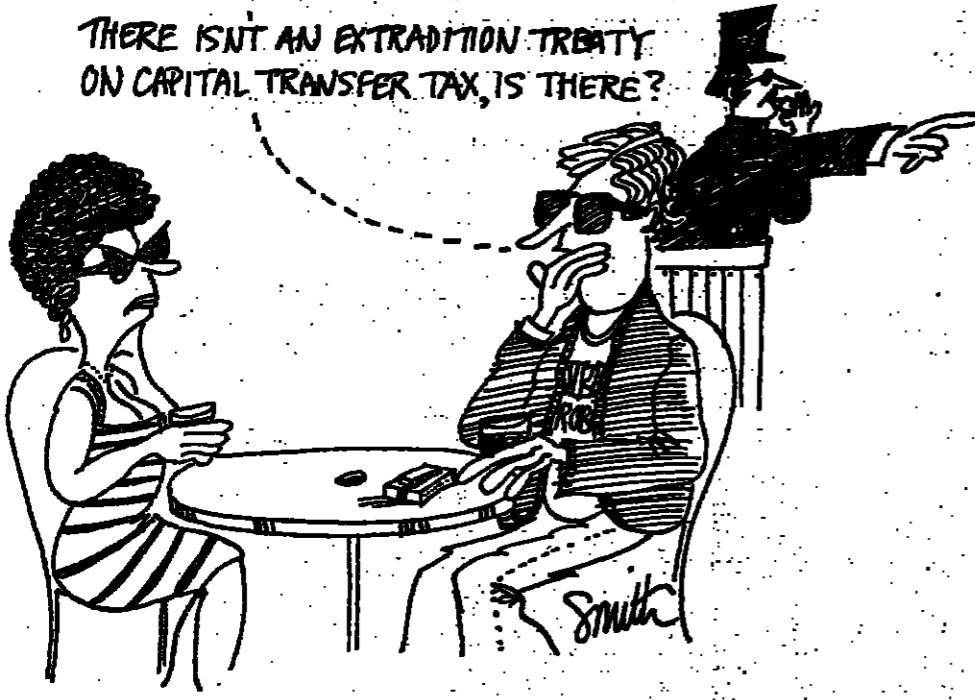
But the American feminist lobby has ignored this approach and if the actuarial data do show that women have higher

sickness rates than men this still does not mean that men and women should be treated differently.

There are benefits to men in this approach. At present they pay more for their life insurance because the actuarial data show that they die younger. In the US men drivers under 25 years of age have to pay a great deal more for car insurance.

The new bill would insist on unisex tables for every aspect of insurance. Several years ago the practice of charging blacks more for life insurance was banned, although the mortality tables showed that they died younger than white policyholders.

## THERE ISN'T AN EXTRADITION TREATY ON CAPITAL TRANSFER TAX, IS THERE?



## Getting away from the transfer tax trap

Of the two certainties in life — death and taxes — the expatriate may feel he is doing well to avoid 50 per cent.

For the most part, British expatriates do avoid British taxes, certainly income tax and capital gains tax, if they take minimal precautions. But capital transfer tax is different.

Income tax and capital gains tax liability is determined primarily by the taxpayer's residence but CTT liability is determined by his domicile.

A different thing altogether. Be-

coming non-resident is relatively straightforward but changing domicile is much more difficult and is by no means automatic on a move overseas. Indeed, a person may live abroad for many years, even the whole of his working life, but remain United Kingdom domiciled. For most working British expatriates this means they remain liable to capital transfer tax.

The legislation on domicile is complex but the concept can be readily grasped. A person is domiciled in the country which is his permanent home, or where he intends to stay, or the country to which he intends to return in due course.

A domicile of origin is acquired at birth, generally the father's domicile, and this remains undisturbed until an independent domicile of choice is established. This is where

another complication can arise if they decide to retire abroad. They may feel that there is no need to consider CTT planning since they both expect to live for at least the three years while they would remain liable for the tax.

These days the domicile of husband and wife is considered independently. Where a couple have different domiciles it is vital that they take professional advice on their CTT planning since there are both advantages and pitfalls.

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But even when they get beyond the three-year barrier what very often happens is that on the death of one spouse the other decides to return to Britain with, as already described, the possibility of a

retrospective CTT bill and the likelihood of future CTT planning being much more expensive than would have been the case earlier.

On CTT planning, the expatriate who remains British domiciled is entitled to all the same reliefs as British residents — the nil rate band (up to £60,000 in any ten-year period), tax free transfers between spouses (where both are UK domiciled), the annual and small gift exemptions and so on.

The insurance companies, as usual, have the answers. The earliest of these schemes was the discounted gift scheme of PETA plan. More recent arrivals are variations on the inheritance trust idea involving the donor making a loan to a trust and retaining his income and control of his assets because he, himself, receives an income from the trust, as repayment of his loan.

Alternatively, the donor may make a gift to the trust, using his allowances, and receive his income in the form of a series of loans from the trust.

The advantage for the expatriate is that he can use these schemes offshore, placing his funds in offshore life company bonds and thus he, and his beneficiaries, can obtain the higher returns to be expected, through the tax-free growth available to the offshore funds.

The schemes, once effected offshore, will continue as a tax shelter even when the expatriate returns to Britain. The message to expatriates, therefore, is to do the planning now, and not when you get back home — then it will be too late, for the offshore option at least.

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## FAMILY MONEY MARKET

## Banks

Current account — no interest paid. Deposit accounts — Midland, Barclays, Lloyds, Natwest 5% per cent, seven days notice required for withdrawals. Monthly income account — Natwest 5% per cent. Fixed term — deposits £2,500-£25,000 — 1 month 9.25 per cent, 3 and 6 months 9 per cent. Rates quoted by Barclays. Other banks may differ.

## Money funds

Seven-day deposits. Simco 7-day fund — 9.85 per cent. UDT Average Rate Deposits — 9.85 per cent. Simco dollar fund — 9.85 per cent. Western Trust one month Money-market a/c: 9.75 per cent. Mallinbank 9.95 per cent. Capital 7-day fund — 10 per cent. Save and Prosper high interest a/c: 10.20 per cent. Interest paid without deduction of tax. Tullet & Folley Money market Trust Cell Fund — min £10,000 10.19 per cent. 7-day fund — 22,500 10.06 per cent. Further details from: Simco 01-236 2333. UDT 01-623 3020. Tynall 0272 752241. Western Trust 0752 251161. Mallinbank 01-499 6634. Save and Prosper 0708 66366. Tullet & Folley 236 0952.

## National Savings Bonds

Ordinary accounts — interest 3 per cent. If 8 per cent if £2500 is maintained, first £70 of interest tax-free.

Investment Account — 10% per cent interest paid without deduction of tax, one month's notice of withdrawal, maximum investment £200,000.

## National Savings Certificates

Held totally free of income and capital gains tax, equivalent to an annual interest rate over the five-

year term of 7.51 per cent, tax deducted at source reclaimable on non-taxable basis, 1 year Lambeth 5% per cent, 2-3 years Notting-

ham City 10% per cent, 4-6 years Knowle 10% per cent, 7-10 years Worthing 11% per cent. Further details available from Chartered Institute of Public Finance Loans Bureau (01-630 7401, after 3pm). See also on Prestel no 24808.

## National Savings 2nd Index-linked certificates

Maximum investment £10,000, excluding holdings of other issues.

Return tax-free and linked to changes in the retail price index.

Supplement of 0.2 per cent per month up to October 1983 paid to new investors; existing holders receive a 2.4 per cent supplement between October 1982 and October 1983 4 per cent bonus if held full five years to maturity. Cash value of £100. Retirement issue certificates purchased in May 1978. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

## Building societies

Ordinary share accounts — 6.25 per cent. Term shares — 1 to 5 years, between 0.5 per cent and 1 per cent over the BSA recommended ordinary share rate depending on the term. Regular savings schemes — 1.25 per cent over BSA recommended ordinary share rate.

Rates quoted above are those most commonly offered. Individual building societies may quote different rates. Interest on all accounts paid net of basic rate tax. Not reclaimable by non-taxpayers.

## Finance house deposits (UDT)

Return paid net of basic rate tax; higher rate taxpayers may have a higher liability on maturity.

Fixed term, fixed rate deposits, interest paid without deduction of tax.

Flexible, floating rate schemes: 6 months 9% per cent, 1 year, 10 per cent; 2 years, 10.5% per cent.

## Foreign currency deposits

Rates quoted by Rothschild's Old Court Int. Reserves 0481 26741.

seven days notice is required for withdrawal and no charge is made for switching currencies.

## Local authority saving bonds

12-month fixed rate investments, interest 10% per cent basic rate tax deducted at source (can be reclaimed by non-taxpayers), minimum investment £1,000, purchased through stockbroker or bank.

## Local authority town hall bonds

Fixed term, fixed rate investments, interest quoted gross (basic rate

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## FOOTBALL

# Turning relegation mud into concrete reality

By Stuart Jones  
Football Correspondent

An air of finality pervades today's programme. Two clubs will close their season at home floating amid officially recognised glory but many more are sunk so deep in the sediment that they might as well be playing in boots of concrete. Some will struggle for the last time to take them off.

The bountiful pair are Liverpool and Queen's Park Rangers. Jack Dunnett, the League president, will crown Liverpool as the first division champions for the 14th time before the game against Aston Villa, a fitting gesture to mark the end of Bob Paisley's appearances as the manager at Anfield.

Paisley's overall record will surely never be surpassed but his wish to bow out with a victory will be even keener after four successive defeats. Although Liverpool are again without Rush, they should grant it. No-one in the first division is less successful away than Villa, a weakness that may yet cost them a place in Europe.

Rangers will collect the second division trophy at Loftus Road, where they meet runners-up, Wolverhampton Wanderers. The third promotion place will probably not be claimed until next Saturday, since both Lynx and Linex will not be at Oldham to help Leicester City gain the three points they need. Fulham, level on points but with an inferior goal difference, cannot afford to slip up at home to Carlisle.

Failure for Brighton would lead to a more unwelcome fate. If they lose to Manchester City, they would be assured of equaling Leicester's unusual achievement in 1969 of going up Wembley way to the FA Cup final and going down to the second division. Foster leads the side for the last time before his suspension and Ramsey is already banned.

City, with only two wins in their last 15 games, will not be going to the Goldstone ground to "shut up shop", according to their manager, John Benson, but the possible absences of Reeves and Kinsey may dictate

## Leapfrog game in Scotland

Celtic and Dundee United both have chances to step closer to the premier division championship if the leaders, Aberdeen, are left on the sidelines.

Aberdeen, who are permitted the luxury of a free Saturday to prepare for the European Cup Winners' Cup final next Wednesday, moved ahead in the title race with a 5-0 defeat of Kilmarnock on Thursday night. Today, the second-placed United and Celtic, the champions, can leapfrog Aberdeen once again by beating Motherwell and Morton respectively.

Dundee United are a point behind going into their penultimate game against Motherwell at Tannadice Park with a further point at stake. Dundee United and Celtic are level on one difference, with 84 goals for and 34 goals against.

Gough, a defender, who is suspended, will be missing for United but McAlpine, the goalkeeper, yesterday passed a fitness test on a gashed thigh. Jock Wallace, the Motherwell manager, has given 10 players free transfers.

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## Saturday

Television and radio programmes  
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## Sunday

## BBC 1

6.25 Open University (until 8.55)  
Programme: 6.50 Hotel Industry;  
7.15 Data Transmission; 7.40  
Enzymes; 8.05 Promised  
Land; 8.30 Country folk story.

8.55 Edgar Kennedy: Home  
Canning; 9.15 Get Set in the  
nets with Ian Botham in a new  
competition. Plus Jobbers and  
the Phoenix Cancer Group;  
11.15 Film I See Ice (1938)  
George Formby as a  
photographer's assistant with  
a clever mini-camera. With Kay  
Walsh, Betty Stockfield, Cyril  
Hitchford and Gary March.  
Directed by Anthony Kimmins.

12.30 Grandstand. The line-up is:  
12.40 Football Focus; 1.05  
News; 1.10 Swimming (Sun  
Life International, Great Britain  
v Canada v the Soviet Union);  
1.25 Lingfield Racing; 1.35  
Swimming (cont'd) and warm-  
up for today's Rugby League  
Cup Final (Hull v Featherstone  
Rovers); 1.45 Lingfield Racing.

2.10 Rugby League back to  
Wembley for another preview of  
the day's big match; 2.20  
Lingfield Racing (Hindhead  
Stadium, Doncaster, Donbass);  
2.40 Rugby League; 3.40 Football  
(cont'd); 3.50 Back to the big  
match at Wembley; 4.40 Final  
Scores.

5.10 Mickey and Donald: Disney  
cartoons; 5.25 News; 5.45  
Sport.

5.50 The Dukes of Hazzard: Two  
more convicts rob Uncle  
Jesse, and his farming life is  
now in the balance.

6.35 Pop Quiz: Jack Burns and  
Dave Edmunds captain the  
two teams consisting of John  
Deacon, Martin Kemp, Maggie  
Bell and Martin Chambers.

7.05 Flim: Cave In! (1978) Disaster  
movie, with an awful fate  
awaiting a group of people  
trapped underground with a  
killer on the loose. The cast  
includes Susan Sullivan, Ray  
Milland and Dennis Cole.

8.40 The Val Doonican Music  
Show: The special guests are  
Ced Lisse and the French  
pianists Maite and Mariella  
Loblique. With a viewers'  
request spot and Ray Charles  
and the Singers.

9.25 News; and sports round-up.

9.40 Dynasty: Falstaff refuses to see  
his newborn son who is very  
ill; Jon has fallen in love with  
Claudia, and there is bad news  
from South America.

10.30 Fanny by Gaslight: Part 1 of  
this four-part adaptation of  
Michael Sadler's full-blooded  
tale set in Victorian days, and  
starring Chloe Salaman as the  
girl whose outward  
respectability conceals  
more than a hour of ill-report.  
Also starring Anthony Bent,  
Michael Culver and Stephen  
Yardley. The adaptation is by  
Anthony Steven (r).

11.25 Film: The Boston Strangler  
(1968) Gaslight year, set in  
the 1960s with Tony Curtis as  
the man who confesses to  
murdering 15 women, plus  
committing 2,000 rapes and  
assaults. Co-starring Henry  
Fonda, as the assistant  
attorney-general, and George  
Kennedy. Directed by Richard  
Fleischer. Ends at 1.15 am.

## TV-am

6.00 Daybreak, followed by 7.00 by  
Good Morning Britain and at  
8.40 by Data Run, the  
programme for the  
youngsters. Items include  
news at 6.00, 6.30, 7.00, 8.00  
and 8.30; Sport at 6.00 and  
7.30; leisure guide at 7.15;  
Michael Parkinson's interview  
at 8.07, and Jackie Genova's  
Aerobics at 8.32. The Data  
Run guest is comedian Jim  
Davidson. Ends at 8.15.

## ITV/LONDON

9.30 Sesame Street: With the  
Muppets; 10.30 Number  
73-New children's show from  
TV5, with comedy, roller  
hockey, books and music.

12.15 World of Sport: The line up  
is: 12.20 Tom Pennington  
(Firestone Tournament of  
Champions) from Ohio; 12.45  
On the Ball (European Cup  
Winners Cup preview); 1.15  
News.

1.20 Diving: World Cup, from  
Woodlands, Texas; Britain's  
Chris Snodgrass takes part; 1.45  
Ice Hockey (Stanley Cup, from  
the US); 2.15 Bowls: CIS  
Insurance Champions  
Challenge, from Norfolk; 2.45  
Speedway; (England v US, at  
Merton); 3.15 Steve Davis  
interview; 3.45 905 Half-time

4.00 Wrestling: two bouts from  
Cuba (includes the British  
Lightweight Championship);  
4.45 Results service.

5.05 News from ITN. 5.15 The  
Smurfs; 5.30 Metal Mickey:  
the robot is involved in a  
kidnapping plot. Grannys (Jane  
Hand) is seized, too.

6.00 The Fall Guy: Murder, bribery  
and trickery within the walls of  
a petroleum company. With  
Lee Majors.

7.00 Russ Abbot's Madhouse:  
Comedy and music with Susie  
Blake, Lee Dennis and Bella  
Emberg in a frantically active  
cast.

7.35 3-2-1: Games, comedy and  
music show, hosted by Ted  
Rogers. With Marlin  
Montgomery among the  
guests. The theme tonight is:  
Music, Music, Music.

8.35 7.1 Hooker: Crime drama in  
which the slyious police  
officer (William Shatner) is  
accused of shooting an  
unarmed teenager.

9.30 Tales of the Unexpected: Heir  
Presumptuous: A wealthy man  
is murdered and his twin  
nephews (both played by  
David Cassidy) are suspected.

10.00 News from ITN.

10.15 The Big Match: Highlights  
from three of today's League  
games.

11.15 London news. Followed by  
Paisley: A Champion's  
Farewell: A documentary  
about Bob Paisley, Liverpool  
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end of the season after 44  
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12.00 Darts: Third match in the  
Joshua Tolley Dartathon,  
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Bob Paisley (left) and Brian Clough in Paisley, A Champion's Farewell (ITV, 11.15pm)

## BBC 2

6.25 Open University (until 3.10).  
3.10 Film: My Learned Friend  
(1943) Will Hay's last film – a  
black comedy, with Hay as an  
eccentric on a former  
convict's revenge list. With  
Claude Hubert.

4.20 Film: Hook, Line and Stinker  
(1968) Comedy with Jerry  
Lewis as the man who  
wants to be a fisherman.  
Information that he has not  
long to live. With Peter  
Lawford and Anne Francis.

5.50 Grand Slam: The US and the  
United Kingdom are now neck-  
and-neck in this grand bridge  
tournament. Commentary by  
Jeremy Flint, of The Times.

6.15 States of Mind: Clifford  
Stern, Professor of Social  
Science at Princeton, tells  
Michael Miller what he has  
discovered about masochistic  
rites in Indonesia and Morocco.

7.00 Let's See: Another chance  
to see this comedy series  
starring Brian Murphy as the  
owner of a driving school in  
the West Country. Co-starring  
Hilda Braid, James Cossins,  
Amanda Barrie and Richard  
Vernon (r).

7.35 News, And sports round-up.  
7.50 Brains: A German Requiem.  
André Previn conducts the  
Pittsburgh Symphony. Orchestra  
of the year performance of  
the great work. With Barbara  
Harricks ( soprano), Ryan  
Edwards (baritone) and the  
Mendelssohn Choir.

8.10 Roger Daltrey Live Here, Any  
How: For the first time since  
his divorce, Roger Daltrey and  
Patti Pravo have access to his  
girlfriend (r).

8.40 Rugby Special: The Middlesex  
Sevens at Twickenham.  
Stewart's Melrose defend their  
titles.

9.00 News with Jan Leeming:  
10.45 Film: International: Shin Heike  
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in the 12th century, about two  
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## CHANNEL 4

2.20 Power Play: The subject is  
police accountability, and a  
studio "council" debates the  
topic of riot control duties and  
the financial cost involved.

2.45 Film: To Be or Not to Be  
(1942) Sharply written  
comedy with Jack Benny and  
Carole Lombard (her last  
screen role) as actors caught  
up in a real-life espionage  
drama in Poland under the  
Jasai jackboot. Co-starring  
Robert Stack. Director: Ernst  
Lubitsch.

3.45 Password: Julia McKenzies  
and Martin Jarvis are the guest  
celebrities in this word game  
semi-final.

5.05 Brookside: Omnibus edition  
(r).

6.00 Square Paper: American high  
school comedy. Tonight, it has  
a girls football team.

6.30 News, followed by 7 Days:  
With Hélène Hayman and  
Michael Charlton.

7.00 A Week in Pictures:  
Anthony King, With Vernon  
Borrelli, Lord Belvoir, Harriet  
Harman, and Tony MP  
Stephen Dorrell talk about  
Manifesto.

7.45 Swindlers: Concluding the  
three-part documentary about  
the looting in the 1970s by  
Robert Vesco of several  
hundred million dollars from  
the Swiss-based investors.

8.00 Your Songs of Praise Choice:  
Thom Hird presents another  
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8.55 Antiques Roadshow: Arthur  
Richards: The life of Arthur  
Richards, a famous collector.

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## A wife makes Russian see red

From Richard Wigg  
Madrid

A senior Soviet diplomat stormed out of the European security review conference building here yesterday after seeing Mrs Avital Shcharansky, wife of the imprisoned Soviet human rights activist, who had come to Madrid to plead her husband's case on the spot and that of other persecuted Soviet Jews.

"No, I do not want anything." Mr Serge Kondrashev snapped at reporters who had invited him to have a drink in the delegates' bar where Mrs Shcharansky was giving an improvised press conference.

Visibly annoyed, the number three man in the Soviet delegation suddenly turned on his heel and led the rest of his team hurriedly out.

Mrs Shcharansky had slipped into Madrid's conference centre, normally barred to the general public, in the company of journalists. When her presence was detected by Spanish security officials Mr Spencer Oliver, acting head of the United States delegation, invited her to be his guest.

The incident happened just after the Soviet Union had told the Western countries at a plenary session of the 35 nation conference that it will not accept any of their proposed amendments to a neutral and non-aligned nations' draft document designed to bring the two-and-a-half-year-old Madrid meeting to a close.

Mr Anatoly Kovalev, a deputy Foreign Minister, bluntly declared: "The possibility of further negotiations is now exhausted for all practical purposes."

MOSCOW: The Soviet Union said yesterday that it was ready to compromise to end the deadlock at the European security review conference. Reuter reports.

An address to participating states said the meeting had been going on for too long. Moscow was now prepared to adopt a draft document submitted by the neutral and non-aligned states



Seeing is believing: Mr Kondrashev (right) hurries from the conference building after catching sight of Mrs Shcharansky (left), seen arriving earlier.

## Israel agrees to withdrawal terms

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Syria did not now agree to withdraw, Israel would have to consider "one-sided measures".

Pressed to elaborate, he acknowledged that the most likely Israeli move would be a unilateral withdrawal to a line running approximately 50 kilometres (31 miles) north of Israel's border. Any such move would affectively partition Lebanon.

A rapid indication of the benefits which Israel can expect from the United States as a result of its more flexible posture was the issuing of an invitation last night to Mr Menachem Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, to visit Washington.

Other benefits are expected to include more military aid, a lifting of the ban on delivery of

75 F16 military aircraft, and a revival of the memorandum of strategic understanding frozen since the annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights.

Among Israeli officials last night there was great pessimism about the chances of Syria or its chief arms supplier, the Soviet Union, willingly going along with a peace plan drawn up by the US. A final indication of Syrian intentions will not be available until later today when Mr Shultz is due to meet President Assad in Damascus before flying on to Saudi Arabia.

The vote represented further isolation for Mr Sharon, who argued bluntly that the Shultz draft contained "no answer to Israel's security problems". The agreement represented a significant concession by Israel about the future of Major Haddad, the south Lebanese militia leader. Israel has for four months insisted be given the role of overall military com-

mander in southern Lebanon. Instead he is to be offered a lesser position with the military rank of colonel.

It was not immediately clear whether the cashiered major would accept this role. He told *The Times* recently that he would accept nothing less than the position of military governor of south Lebanon.

Although details of the agreement were kept secret, it is believed to allow for about 100 Israeli troops to operate inside southern Lebanon in joint supervisory teams with the Lebanese Army. It is also thought to allow for a six-month interim period before details of normalization of relations with Lebanon are formalized.

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### Today's events

Last chance to see Glass engraving by Alison Giesler, Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5 (ends tomorrow). People's History of Yorkshire,

Victoria Square, Hull; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2.30 to 4.30 (ends tomorrow).

Paintings by Peter Phillips, Southampton Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Southampton; Tues to Sat 11 to 3.45, Sun 2 to 5, closed Mon (ends tomorrow). Sporting prints lent by the British

Sporting Art Trust, Leicestershire Museum and Art Gallery, New Walk, Leicester; Mon to Sat 10 to 5.30, Sun 2 to 5.30, closed Fri (ends tomorrow).

Works by three Canadian sculptors, Museum and Art Gallery, Cartwright Hall, Bradford; Tues to Sun 10 to 5, closed Mon (ends tomorrow).

Concert by Royal Philharmonic

Orchestra, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham; 7.30. Recital by Canadian Girls' Choir, Newark Parish Church, Notts, 7.30.

Concert by Lincoln Symphony Orchestra, Lincoln Cathedral, 7.30. Organ recital by Stephen Darlington, St Andrew's Church, Bedford, 7.30.

Concert by Wolverhampton Chamber Orchestra, Wolverhampton Grammar School, Compton Road, Wolverhampton, 7.45.

Concert by North Herts Guild of Singers and Hitchin Concert Orchestra, St George's Church, Stevenage, 7.30. Organ recital by Martin Neary, Worcester Cathedral, 7.30.

Concert by Northumbrian Philharmonic Choir and Midland Chamber Orchestra, Derngate Centre, Northampton, 7.30.

Piano recital by Bernard Roberts, Middleton Hall, Hull University, 7.45.

General

Spelling Flower Parade, Spalding. Liner floats leave Sir Halley Stewart Field at 3.30, to Springfields and back around 4.30. Floats on view in Sir Halley Field today (except during parade) 10.30 to 7; tomorrow, Mon and Tues 9 to 7.

University open day: exhibitions, demonstrations, lectures, films, Southampton University, 10.30 to 5.

### TOMORROW

Concert by Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Nottingham Harmonic Choir, Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham, 7.30.

Recital by Dartington Ensemble, Great Hall, Dartington, nr Totnes, Devon, 8.

Concert by Buxton Music Society Chorus and Orchestra, St John the Baptist Church, Buxton, 8.

General

Traction engine rally, Museum of

Science and Industry, Newhall Street, Birmingham, 10 to 5.

Anniversaries

Births: David Hume, economist,

1619; Robert Browning, London,

1812; Jeanne Bataille, Hamburg,

1833; Archibald Philip Primrose,

5th Earl of Rosebery, 1845;

Katherine Hepburn, poet, 1890;

Nobel laureate, 1913;

Calcutta, 1861; Marshal Josip Broz Tito, Yugoslavia, 1892.

Deaths: Thomas Barnes, Editor of

*The Times* 1817-41; London, 1841;

James Nasmyth, inventor of the steam hammer, London, 1890.

1,198 lives were lost when the Lusitania was sunk by the U20 of the Irish coast, 1915.

TOMORROW: Births: Thomas

Hancock, inventor, Marlborough,

1786; Jean-Henri Dunant, founder of the Red Cross, Nobel laureate for peace 1901;

Geneva, 1828; Harry S. Truman, 33rd president of the USA 1945-53;

Lamar, Missouri, 1884. Deaths:

Antoine-Louis Lavegin, scientist, guillotined, Paris, 1794; John Stuart Mill, Aix-en-Provence, 1873;

Paul Gauguin, Atama, Marquesas Islands, 1903. VE Day, 1945.

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